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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1861.

TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,
TO THE PROPRIETORS:

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1861-62.

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ON THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

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REPORT.

The Board of Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM present to its Shareholders the Twenty-sixth Annual Report "of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the Institution."

A meeting of the Directors was held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the proprietors; and William S. Patten was re-elected President, and Alexis Caswell Vice-president, for the ensuing year. J. Dunham Hedge was re-appointed Librarian, and Frederick H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian. The salary of the Librarian was continued at nine hundred dollars, and that of the Assistant at five hundred dollars. The organization of the Board was completed by the appointment of the usual Standing Committee for the year.

James B. Angell, who was elected a director at the Annual Meeting of the proprietors, having resigned, the vacancy thus caused was filled by the Board by the election of John N. Francis as a Director, on the 5th of November.

The more immediate wants of the Institution, relating to the convenient arrangement and use of the Library, were indi-

cated by the following votes, passed at the last Annual Meeting of the proprietors.

“ *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors be authorized to make such alterations or additions to the present alcoves in the Library as they may deem advisable, in view of the future increase and better arrangement of the Library. But, in case it is, in their opinion, expedient that any alteration or addition should be made, outside of the present walls of the building, they are requested to report, at a special meeting of the Corporation, such plan as they may approve, with estimates of the probable expense of carrying the same into effect.”

“ *Voted*, That the directors be authorized to cause a Supplemental Catalogue to be printed and bound, of the additions to the Library since the publication of the last catalogue.”

Upon consideration of the first subject thus referred to the Board, it being evident that no proper measures could be taken to provide extensive accommodations for the future increase of the Library, to any adequate extent, or upon any plan sufficiently thorough, without great alterations in the present alcoves, or a new arrangement of the shelves in one or both of the principal rooms,—which would require a much greater expenditure than the Board deemed at present advisable,—the subject was referred by them to the Library Committee, the Committee on the Building and Grounds, and the Librarian, with power to take such measures as were necessary to provide the increased library accommodations immediately required. They have caused shelves to be erected in the central passage of the east room of the principal story, sufficient to contain about fifteen hundred volumes ; and have also caused shelves to be placed covering the west end of the Reading Room in the basement, sufficient for three or four thousand volumes. The work was satisfactorily done by Sturgis P. Carpenter.

The cost of the shelves in the East Room being	\$22 40
“ “ “ “ “ Basement “	59 54
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	\$81 94

The subject of the preparation of a Supplemental Catalogue of the Library was placed, by the Board, in the hands of the Library Committee and the Librarian. The Catalogue, prepared by the Librarian, has been finished and printed under the direction of two of the Committee,—Messrs Samuel W. Peckham and Augustus Woodbury. A full index has been made by Mr. Peckham, which is now in the press, and the volume will soon be ready for delivery to the shareholders.

The state of the country, during the past year, has necessarily been very unfavorable to the growth and prosperity of its literary institutions, especially of those like this. All the arts of peace languish amid the heat and turmoil of war; and everything else is absorbed in the overwhelming importance of the one great interest at stake in the national strife in which we are now involved.

It is owing principally to this cause that the number of volumes added to the Library, during the past year, is much below the average, being only six hundred and sixty-three. The number of pamphlets added is sixty-eight.

Of the Volumes, there have been added—

By purchase	- - - - -	547
By binding of periodicals	- - -	108
		— 655
By donation	- - - - -	28
		— 683

Of the Pamphlets there were added—

By purchase	- - - - -	8
By donation	- - - - -	60
		— 68

The Volumes added may be classified as follows—

Folios	- - - - -	11
Quartos	- - - - -	30
Octavos	- - - - -	393
Duodecimos and under	- -	249
		— 683

The number of Volumes in the Library, according to the last Annual Report, was	-	-	-	25 066
Additions during this year	-	-		683
Total	-	-	-	25 749

Two Maps have been added to the Library during the past year, by donation.

Some of the works purchased have been comparatively costly, such as the English edition of Ruskin's Works, Brydges' British Bibliographer, &c.; and the books added during the year will compare favorably with those already on the shelves.

The whole number of Books taken out during the year is 19 179.

Of these, of Fiction	-	-	-	10 373
Of Biography and History	-			3 078
Of Poetry and Belles Lettres	-			1 679
Of Voyages and Travels	-	-	-	997
Of Miscellaneous	-	-	-	805
Of Religion	-	-	-	777
Of Arts and Sciences	-	-	-	775
Of Periodicals	-	-	-	695
				—————19 179

The greatest number taken out during any one month, was in March - - - - - 2 187

The greatest number taken out in any one day, was on the 23d of February - - - - - 189

The whole number of shares used during the year was 545

The greatest number of books taken out on one share was - - - - - 178

The usual annual examination of the Library has been made, under the direction of a Committee of the Board. The number of volumes missing and not accounted for is nineteen.

By the Annual Report of the Treasurer, it appears—

That the balance on hand, Sept. 27, 1860, was \$303 63

That the Receipts for the past year, were 3,712 94

\$4,016 57

That the Payments for the year were—

For Books and Periodicals - \$1,142 23

For other expenses - - 2,144 20

\$3,286 43

Leaving balance on hand - - 730 14

\$4,016 57

That the present number of shares is the same as that contained in the last Annual Report, viz., 591; no new shares having been sold during the past year.

Believing that a condensed statement of the facts showing the annual progress and increase of the Library, to the present time, from the organization of the present Institution, by the union of the Providence Library Company and the original Athenæum Corporation, in 1836, will be interesting to the proprietors, the following Tables have been prepared. They give, in a condensed form, the results of the exertions which have been made, by the supporters of the Athenæum, to collect a library adequate to the wants of such a community as ours. These Tables show—

The whole number of volumes added to the Library in each year.

The whole number of volumes received by donation in in each year.

The expenditures for books in each year.

The expenditures for other purposes in each year.

The total expenditures in each year.

The whole number of shareholders, in each year.

The whole number of shares in each year.

Also, the whole number of books taken from the Library, for use, in each year.

NUMBER AND DATE OF REPORT.				INCREASE OF LIBRARY.		
				Books added.	Books given.	Books Total.
1.	February,	1837 . .	4162	4	4,162	}
2.	September,	1837 . .	838	6	5,000	
3.	"	1838 . .	1041	34	6,041	
4.	"	1839 . .	1154	215	7,195	
5.	"	1840 . .	1190	321	8,385	
6.	"	1841 . .	702	85	9,087	
7.	"	1842 . .	506	19	9,593	
8.	"	1843 . .	892	93	10,485	
9.	"	1844 . .	787	15	11,272	
10.	"	1845 . .	813	31	12,085	
11.	"	1846 . .	817	34	12,902	
12.	"	1847 . .	531	21	13,433	
13.	"	1848 . .	1018	97	14,451	
14.	"	1849 . .	653	19	15,104	
15.	"	1850 . .	707	20	15,811	
16.	"	1851 . .	691	32	16,502	
17.	"	1852 . .	775	84	17,277	
18.	"	1853 . .	744	45	18,021	
19.	"	1854 . .	780	104	18,801	
20.	"	1855 . .	718	190	19,519	
21.	"	1856 . .	748	131	20,267	
22.	"	1857 . .	1562	125	21,829	
23.	"	1858 . .	773	83	22,602	
24.	"	1859 . .	1400	123	24,002	
25.	"	1860 . .	1064	44	25,066	
26.	"	1861 . .	683	28	25,749	

NUMBER AND DATE OF REPORT.	ANNUAL EXPENSES.		
	Expense of Books.	Other expenses.	Total expense.
1. February, 1837 } 2. September, 1837 } 3. " 1838 } 4. " 1839 5. " 1840 6. " 1841 7. " 1842 8. " 1843 9. " 1844 10. " 1845 11. " 1846 12. " 1847 13. " 1848 14. " 1849 15. " 1850 16. " 1851 17. " 1852 18. " 1853 19. " 1854 20. " 1855 21. " 1856 22. " 1857 23. " 1858 24. " 1859 25. " 1860 26. " 1861	9,377 29 853 43 1,145 81 1,202 55 691 09 1,555 39 1,799 50 1,326 55 1,485 66 1,380 37 1,227 96 1,237 04 1,752 03 1,446 60 1,756 97 1,455 05 1,499 94 823 90 1,152 74 2,108 40 1,319 08 1,603 63 1,849 49 1,142 23	22,225 59 2,133 86 1,399 38 1,765 89 1,156 48 1,412 01 1,187 38 1,486 19 1,469 81 1,716 43 1,922 55 1,717 74 3,257 19 2,086 60 4,570 27 2,661 21 3,046 22 2,823 02 2,262 94 2,185 57 2,517 73 2,021 07 1,968 04 2,144 20	31,602 88 2,987 29 2,545 19 2,968 44 1,847 57 2,967 40 2,986 88 2,812 74 2,955 47 3,096 80 3,150 51 2,954 78 5,009 22 3,533 20 6,327 24 4,116 26 4,546 16 3,646 92 3,415 68 4,293 97 3,836 81 3,624 70 3,817 53 3,286 43
	\$41,192 70	\$71,137 37	\$112,330 07

NUMBER AND DATE OF REPORT.				SHARES.		Circulation.
				Share-holders.	No. of Shares.	
1.	February,	1837	. .	292	293	
2.	September,	1837	. .	302	303	3,684
3.	"	1838	. .	374*	375	7,504
4.	"	1839	. .	383	386	10,236
5.	"	1840	. .	396	400	12,506
6.	"	1841	. .	406	411	15,152
7.	"	1842	. .	416	422	15,567
8.	"	1843	. .	421	427	14,303
9.	"	1844	. .	421	427	14,855
10.	"	1845	. .	422	428	15,518
11.	"	1846	. .	429	435	17,346
12.	"	1847	. .	440	449	17,244
13.	"	1848	. .	477†	486	17,887
14.	"	1849	. .	491†	501	18,895
15.	"	1850	. .	516†	524	19,707
16.	"	1851	. .	531	537	19,304
17.	"	1852	. .	538	545	19,223
18.	"	1853	. .	549	556	19,413
19.	"	1854	. .	558	564	18,587
20.	"	1855	. .	561	567	18,720
21.	"	1856	. .	567	572	17,846
22.	"	1857	. .	576	580	19,289
23.	"	1858	. .	576	580	21,838
24.	"	1859	. .	581	586	20,353
25.	"	1860	. .	585	591	20,311
26.	"	1861	. .	584	591	19,179

* This increase was owing to the impulse received from the completion and occupation of the Athenæum building.

† The more than usual increase in these years was owing to the exertions of committees appointed by the proprietors.

Among the donations received, the one most worthy of remark is "The Art Treasures of the United Kingdom, from the Art Treasures Exhibition, Manchester; edited by J. B. Waring." This is a volume, exhibiting, by elegant colored illustrations, accompanied by explanatory essays, the most rare and precious works of art which were contained in the immense collection exhibited at Manchester. It is in folio; and as respects paper, printing, illustration and binding, it is a most finished specimen of the bookmaker's art. It was the gift of our fellow citizen, Alexander Duncan, Esq.

From the same gentleman have also been received the Reports of the Registrar General, of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England, for the years 1850 to 1858 inclusive, (9 volumes octavo,) comprising the Reports from the Thirteenth to the Twenty-first. The volumes containing the twelve previous Reports had been already presented by him.

These gifts were received and acknowledged by the Board, in the manner described in the following extract from their Records of January 7th, 1861, viz :

"The following letter from the President of the Board is read."

Providence, Jan. 7, 1861.

GENTLEMEN :

At the request of Alexander Duncan, Esq., I place in your possession—

"The Art Treasures of the United Kingdom,"
London Edition, 1858.

A gift from him to the Athenæum.

It is the most beautiful single book among the many choice works which the Athenæum contains.

Had he not made me his agent in transmitting this splendid present, I should give utterance to warm expressions of the obligations of the Institution to him for his noble liberality to it, often repeated, and for this new exercise of it.

Respectfully Yours,

WILLIAM S. PATTEN.

To the Board of Directors of the Athenæum, Providence, R. I.

The Board voted, "That the thanks of the Directors of the Providence Athenæum be presented to Alexander Duncan, Esq., for the generous expression of his interest in the Athenæum, in the presentation of 'Art Treasures of the United Kingdom,' and nine volumes of the 'Annual Reports of the Registrar General of England, from 1850 to 1858.'

The Secretary is directed to transmit to Mr. Duncan a copy of the above vote, signed by the President and Secretary."

A valuable and interesting donation, procured for the Athenæum by Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D., while recently in Italy, and presented by him, is now on its way from Leghorn, and its arrival is daily expected. In anticipation of its reception, the members of the Corporation will doubtless be gratified by Professor Caswell's description of the beautiful gift.

"Among the magnificent remains in the Roman Forum, there are seven fluted, white marble columns, of the Corinthian order, and of exquisite workmanship. There are two groups, of three each, and are standing alone.

One of these groups, forming a corner of the building near the foot of the Capitoline Hill, is known as a part of the front of the Temple of Jupiter Tonans. The columns are 47 feet high and about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter at the base. The height of the entablature is nearly 10 feet, and remains sufficiently perfect to show its exact construction. A part of the frieze bears the inscription—'restituer;' which is thought by Canini to stand for the word *restitu-erunt*, indicating that the edifice had been destroyed, or injured, and restored.

The other group stands at the opposite extremity of the Forum. These columns are in a right line, and have usually been designated as belonging to the Temple of Jupiter Stator. They formed a portion of its front, and still sustain the entablature, in a good state of preservation. In size, these are a little larger than the previous, and not exactly of the same proportions. This is said by Gwilt to have been 'the most beautiful temple of the Corinthian order, that perhaps ever existed.' The names of these temples are, perhaps, unimportant; but it may be mentioned, that the researches of Canini led him to the conclusion that the former was the Temple of Vespasian, and the latter the Temple of Minerva Chalcidica.

The single column, standing nearly mid-way between the two temples, is the one described by Byron as the 'nameless column, with the buried base.'* Excavations, however, since his time, have uncovered an inscription which shows that it was erected to the memory of Phocas.

These columns have served, probably, more than any others extant, to determine the true form and dimensions of the Corinthian

*Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto IV. S. 110.

column. They are figured and described in many architectural works, and particularly in the great work of Canini on the Edifices of Ancient Rome. Every visitor in Rome makes it almost his first business to hasten to the Forum, to see them in their grandeur and their desolation.

When I was there during the last winter, as I gazed again and again upon them, it occurred to me that I could not render a better service to the Providence Athenæum, than by placing accurate copies of these much admired remains of ancient art in its halls. I hoped, also, that they would interest and gratify the public, and would be especially welcomed by the lovers of art; and minister, in some degree, to the growth of a correct architectural taste among us. They are of large size, (for copies,) and have been executed to order in the rich, yellow antique marble, with minute fidelity to the originals.

Donations have also been received from the following persons and Associations. It will be seen that the number is somewhat less than it was last year.

Henry B. Anthony,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
John R. Bartlett,	Librarian of Brown University,
Alexis Caswell,	Librarian of Harvard University,
William F. Channing,	New York State Library,
George L. Collins,	Ohio State Library,
William Douglas,	Peabody Institute, of South Dan-
Thomas A. Doyle,	vers,
Thomas L. Dunnell,	Providence Association of Me-
Reuben A. Guild,	chanics and Manufacturers,
J. D. Hedge,	Rhode Island Medical Society,
Albert J. Jones,	Rhode Island Society for the En-
S. C. Newman,	couragement of Domestic
Usher Parsons,	Industry,
Isaac Pitman, Jr.,	Saint Louis Mercantile Library
Roger Williams Potter,	Association,
Isaac Ray,	Smithsonian Institution,
William P. Sheffield,	State of Rhode Island,
Edwin M. Snow,	Tennessee State Library,
John C. Thompson, Jr.,	Trustees of Free Public Library,
American Antiquarian Society,	New Bedford,
American Association for the Ad-	Trustees of New York Society
vancement of Science,	Library,
American Association for the Im-	Trustees of the Public Library,
provement of Penal and	Boston,
Reformatory Institutions,	United States Patent Office,
City of Providence,	Washington Insurance Company,
Directors of the Public Library,	Providence,
Worcester,	Wilmington Institute, Delaware,
Directors of the Redwood Li-	Young Men's Association, Buffalo.
brary, Newport,	

The Board notice that seven of the shareholders have died during the past year, viz:

WILLIAM H. DART, of Providence.

WILLIAM A. HOWARD, of Providence.

OLIVER C. NYE, of Providence.

HENRY A. PRESCOTT, of Providence, (who fell in the battle at Bull Run, on the 21st of July last, and whose death has been deeply regretted wherever he was known.)

WALTER W. UPDIKE, of Providence.

ELISHA DYER VINTON, of Providence.

MISS ELIZABETH ANGELL, of North Providence.

And now, at the close of another year of its existence, we, to whom, during the year, you confided the direction of its affairs and the guardianship of its interests, congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of this your cherished Institution.

During the quarter of a century which has passed away since its present organization, much has been done to accomplish the wishes, and realize the hopes of those whose judicious liberality, enlightened public spirit and unwearied personal efforts secured its permanent establishment. Not a few of them have been called from the scenes of time, leaving to us, and to those who will succeed us, the duty and privilege of supporting and carrying forward the work which they so well begun. May their good example excite us, willingly and gratefully to aid in building up a structure fit to stand upon the foundation which they laid; a structure, which those who will succeed us, in the coming generations, may delight to fill with the choicest treasures of intellect, gathered in the records of the past; with all which the future may produce, worthy of such companionship; and with the gems of taste and art which an institution like this, more than any other social combination, is fitted to encourage and call forth.

For the Board of Directors,

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The TREASURER reports as follows:

There was on hand September 24th, 1860 - - - - - \$303.63

The *Receipts* for the year have been as follows:

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The *Payments* for the same time have been:

For books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	975.37
For periodicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166.86
For binding books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115.67
For salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,520.00
For insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.00
For fuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	121.09
For gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.30
For collecting assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64.62
For printing and advertisements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.27
For expresses and postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.93
For sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154.32
										Expenditures - - - - \$3,286.43
										Cash - - - - 730.14
										\$4,016.57

The number of shares at present are 591, the same as last year; no new shares having been made.

Very respectfully submitted,

AMASA PAINE, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, 23d September, 1861.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23d, 1861.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold John N.	223
Aborn James A.	162	Arnold Charles	106
Aborn John W.*	38	Arnold Christopher B.	316
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold George C.	103
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Job	570
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Margaret L.	559
Adler Charles A.	450	Arnold Richard J.	40
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Arnold Welcome	142
Allen Candace*	380	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6		
Allen Philip	9	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Samuel	449	Baker George	226
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch John R.	339
Ames Samuel	171	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Ballou F. M.	200
Andrews David A.	470	Ballou Hosea Jr.*	169
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barker Frederick A.	520
Angell Daniel	415	Barker Joseph A.	252
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell Elizabeth* (N. Providence)	584	Barstow John	310
Angell James B.	184	Bartlett John R.	279
Angell John W.	287	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Anthony Burrington*	359	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Henry	44	Beckwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry B.	414	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Aplin Charles	453	Bennet Preston	578
Armington James H.	331	Binney William	558

* Deceased.

Bishop Nathaniel*	471	Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423
Blaisdell Alfred O.	451	Chapin Royal	424
Blodget Samuel C.	110, 222	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Blodget William P.	387	Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Child Lewis P.	345
Borden Jefferson (do.)	143	Childs Charles H.	208
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Church Peter	217
Bowen Henry	198	Clafin George L.	482
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clarke James M.	501
Bradford Joseph	250	Clarke John H.	313
Bradford Mary W.	426	Cleveland Almira A.	129
Bradley Charles S.	303	Clifford Marian	47
Brastow Billings	31	Collins George L.	526
Brastow Frank	291	Congdon George W.	257
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Henry T.	510	Cook Caleb C.	352
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Stephen	433
Brown John Carter	77	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Brown Joseph R.	480	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Moses*	1	Cornett Henry T.	265
Brown Nicholas	547	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Brown Thomas	212	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown William	324	Crane Jonathan (Attleboro)	455
Brown William Waterman	219	Cranston Henry C.	548
Brown William Whipple	466	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross Frances E.	225
Browne George H.	585	Cross James M.	561
Brownell Richmond	160	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brownell Sylvester	452		
Bucklin James C.	373	Dana George	395
Bucklin Simon S.	42	Daniels Dexter	484
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daniels George M.	28
Buffum Benjamin	52	Danielson George W.	152
Bullock Julia	502	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock William P.	144	Dart William H.*	128
Burges Walter S.	78	Davis Edward N.	524
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis John W.	461
Burrough Joseph	388	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Martha H.	367	Day Daniel	53
Bush Edwin A.	390	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Patience M.	206	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Richard W.	91	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dexter Samuel	95
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Butts Frank	397	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dike Arba B.	483
		Dorrance Amey G.	416
		Dorrance Tully	244
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dorrance William T.	92
Calder Albert L.	274	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Caldwell Samuel L.	579	Drown William H.	338
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Duncan Alexander	12
Carlton George E.	327	Duncan David	261
Carpenter Earl	486	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Caswell Alexis	270	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunnell Mary	235
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dunwell James P.	412
Chace William M.	176	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chafee Mary E.	555	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chambers Robert B.	443	Dyer Charles	259
Channing William F.	105	Dyer Cyrus	302
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer John	21

Eames Jane A.	487	Hall Edward B.	263
Eames Laura C.	107	Hall George W.	496
Earle Amey Ann	370	Hallet George W.	37
Earle William	474	Ham Benjamin W.	437
Eddy Nelson S.*	417	Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477
Ely James W. C.	545	Hamlin William E.	178
Evans Rowland	333	Harkness Albert	357
Everett Amherst	238	Harkness Thomas	33
		Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127
		Harris Avis L.	457
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Harris Stephen*	221
Farnum Alexander	228	Hart Charles	553
Field Daniel	26	Hartley George S.*	448
Field John A.	209	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Field William	15	Hartshorn Isaac	191
First Baptist Church	405	Hawes Amos B.	207
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hayes Wingate	93
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Heap James	439
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	523
Fisher Cyrus	147	Hedge J. Dunham	309
Fletcher Thomas	300	Helme William H.	550
Fletcher William	368	Hill Hiram	163
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hill Paris	134
Foster Samuel	576	Hill Thomas J.	363
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hilton William D.	114
Francis John N.	590	Hodges Isaac A.	468
Franklin Henry P.*	18	Holden Charles*	29
French William S.	318	Hoppin George H.	430
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Fuller Frederick	560	Hoppin William W.	283
		Hoskins James B.	294
		Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gallup Albert S.	503	Howard William A.*	75
Gammell William	286	Howland John A.	192
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Hudson Henry E.	241
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Humphry Walker	475
Giles Henry H.	377	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hunt George	364
Gladding John C.	295	Hutchins Shubael	123
Gladding Royal P.	469	Hutchins Sterns	175
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354		
Glezen Eben K.	407		
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Ives Hope*	404
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Hope B.	3
Goff Amey S.	499	Ives Robert H.	4
Goodwin Daniel	315		
Gorham Jabez	45		
Gorham John	427	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Albert C. Cashier	492	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Albert G.	332	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Richard W.	73	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Rufus	444	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Sarah A.	290	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Scott	166	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene Warren S.	535	Jones Edward S.	512
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jones John D.	472
Greene William Albert*	187	Joslin Susan R.	473
Greene William Albert	164		
Greene William H.	543		
Grinnell George	229	Keith Christopher T.	507
Grinnell William T.	86	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Grosvenor William	108	Kelly Wilber*	125
		Kendall Henry L.	88
Haines William S.	102	Kendall Oliver	505
Hale Isaac	382	Kimball Jerome B.	149

King William J.	571	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Kingsbury John	214	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nye Oliver C.*	581
Knight Henry P.*	233		
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89		
Knight Robert S.	80	Okie A. Howard	586
Knowles Edward P.	488	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Knowles John P.	71	Olney Stephen T.	186
Knowles John P. Trustee	262	Ormsbee John S.	347
Knowles Joseph	268	Osborn William	340
		Owen Ezekiel	54
		Owen George	401
		Owen Smith	389
Lapham Benjamin N.	446		
Larchar John	39		
Larned Samuel*	306		
Leach Daniel	515	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lincoln John L.	119	Padelford Seth	111
Lippitt Albert D.	567	Paine Amasa	115
Lippitt Christopher	150	Paine Daniel	328
Lippitt Henry	68	Palmer John B.	500
Lippitt Louisa G.	353	Palmer Richard	575
Llewin James M.	157	Parkhurst Charles H.	374
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Parkhurst William H.	155
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Parsons Charles W.	35
Lyman Henry B.	67	Parsons Usher	375
Lyman John W.	126	Patten William S.	237
Lyon Mary W.	549	Payne Abraham	497
		Payton Eliza J.	264
		Pearce Edward	185
		Pearce Edward D.	321
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Pearce Thomas*	30
Manton Amasa	24	Pearson Luther	23
Manton Robert	409	Peck Allen O.	211
Manton Walter	410	Peck George B.	376
Martin Joseph	456	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason Earl P.	258	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mason George	81	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mason Henry W.	285	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mathewson Rollin	421	Perry Amos	458
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Phillips Harley F.	582
Mauran Abby	62	Phillips Thomas	378
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Pierce Asa	218
Mauran Joseph	243	Pierce Henrietta K.	167
Mauran Suchet	132	Pierce William G.	422
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Pike Jonathan	447
Mead Marshall B.	508	Pitman John	63
Merrill William S.	314	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Merriman Charles H.	537	Potter Alfred	120
Metcalf Edwin	254	Potter Americus V.	239
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Potter Charles*	55
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Potter Christopher C.	459
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter James W.	556
Miller Frederick	518	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Potter Roger Williams	109
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Potter William H.	139
Mowry Martha H.	104	Power St Meth. Episcopal Church	361
Mowry William G. R.	10	Pratt Peter*	17
		Pratt William H.	495
		Prescott Henry A.*	442
Newcomb Rhoda	362		
Nichols Emeline B.	577		
Nichols J. Basset	311		
Nightingale Edwin J.	299	Randolph John R.	521
Nightingale George C.	113	Rathbone George S.	210

Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Swann Elizabeth W.	266
Rathbone William P.	118	Sweet Joseph	276
Rawson Henry M.	344		
Ray Isaac	435		
Read Francis	434	Taft Cyrus	161
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Reynolds John*	320	Taft Orray	59
Reynolds Mary E.	403	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes James T.	232	Tallman William	372
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Taylor Daniel A. 2 shares	511, 534
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Taylor John H.	87
Richardson Henry	231	Temple William	436
Richmond George M.	46	Thayer Euclid C.	386
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Richmond Lewis	479	Thurber Edmund	509
Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494	Thurber Isaac	281
Rickard Roswell R.	43	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Rivers Mary	531	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Robinson William A.	489	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Rodman William M.	196	Tillinghast Charles F.	74
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Horatio	400	Tingley Albert H.	177
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Rounds John M.	83	Tingley Henry	297
		Tobey John F.	462
		Tobey Samuel B.	66
Sabin Charles	201	Tompkins John A.	454
Sacket Adnah*	317	Torrey Moses E.	384
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Salisbury Samuel S.	425	Tourtellot John E.	145
Sanford William	284	Townsend William C.	122
Sayles Welcome B.*	172	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shaw Allen	251	Truman Nathan	248
Shaw John M.	154	Tyler Solomon	64
Shaw Mary A.	587		
Shearman Sylvester G.	308	Udike Walter W.*	478
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Utley Leander*	242
Sheldon Nicholas	188		
Shepard Thomas P.	385		
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Simons Aaron	325	Viall William	542
Sisson Henry T.	379	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Slater John 2d*	11		
Slocum Jonathan L.	463		
Smith Amos D.	101	Walcott Edward	48
Smith Francis	65	Walling Henry F. (New York)	563
Smith James Y.	504	Wardwell Stephen P.	563
Smith John W.	215	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Smith Nathaniel	112	Warner James M.*	138
Smith S. Sterry	90	Waterman Emily	180
Snow Amos W.	151	Waterman Henry	278
Snow Walter B.	467	Waterman Nancy	289
Snow William C.	275	Waterman Resolved	41
Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498	Waterman Rufus	277
Sprague Amasa*	293	Waterman William H.	240
Stafford Robert R.	100	Watson Matthew*	27
Staples William R.	181	Wayland Francis	236
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Stead Thomas J.	249	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394
Steere Jonah	420	Weeden William B.	522
Steere Thomas E.	16	Weeden William G.	246
Stillwell Samuel S.	170	Wells Henry A.	341
Stimson John J.*	194	Wheaton Samuel B.	440
Sumner Increase	413	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Sutton Edward	335	Wheelock Godfrey	455
Swan Jarvis B.	255		

Whipple John	79	Wiley Benjamin B.	562
Whitaker C. Earle	271	Williams William G.	298
Whitaker Henry C.	121	Witter William C.	591
Whitaker Josiah	383	Woodbury Augustus	557
Whitaker William	60	Woods Marshall	490
Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199	Wright Alfred*	148
Whitney George H.	224		
Wilcox Everett P.	460		
Wild Rebecca	398	Young Edward R.	136

577 owners of one share each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	577
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1862.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1862.

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R E P O R T .

THE Directors of the Providence Athenæum herewith submit to its shareholders, the Annual Report of its progress and condition.

Of the twenty-seven years which measure the existence of this institution, that just closed has been one of the most extraordinary in the political annals of this country. At the date of the last meeting of the Proprietors, it seemed a reasonable expectation that ere they should again assemble, the frightful and unnatural contest raging in this hitherto favored land would be ended. That this result might be attained was certainly the ardent hope of every loyal and humane citizen, if it should be reached without the sacrifice of just principle, or the disregard of the fair claims of any portion of our vast population. This expectation has not been realized ; this hope has been doomed to disappointment. Armed treason still defiantly arrays its forces within the borders of thirteen States. A gigantic rebellion still aims fearful blows at the life of a government which we had fondly hoped would continue perpetual, winning its brightest victories in the peaceful contests of advancing civilization.

In surveying the history of the past year, from almost any

point of view such thoughts naturally first force themselves on the notice; but, in considering the history of the Athenæum, they have peculiar prominence. It is in the life of such institutions of a popular character that the effects of events powerfully swaying the communities in which they are situated, are soonest apparent. From the statistics of the Athenæum, properly prepared for the last quarter of a century, a close observer might, with considerable accuracy, indicate the marked years in the history of this city for the corresponding time; for probably no great wave of excitement, whether political, religious, financial, or of what character soever, has swept over us without leaving its impress, in some form, within these quiet alcoves. It will not be uninteresting to notice some of the points in which the stirring events of the day have affected this institution.

In the aggregate of additions to the Library, we notice a marked decline. The whole number of volumes added during the year is but five hundred and twenty-four, against an average for the five years preceding the war, of eleven hundred and nine. This is attributable directly to the state of the nation. Since the breaking out of the rebellion, a continued depression has pervaded the book trade, limiting new publications chiefly to such works as are consonant with the spirit of the hour, while the high rate of exchange, consequent upon our financial disturbances, has prevented the usual importations, either by our booksellers or for the account of the Athenæum directly. The weekly offerings on the table of the Library Committee have therefore been quite limited. Works on the various branches of military science, and such as have been prompted by, or are akin to the ruling thoughts of the day, have been sufficiently numerous. The current newspapers, periodicals and publications are inevitably the faithful reflex of our life and thought at any given time, and are the most exact measure of the degree

of interest taken in any given question. During such a period of excitement as the present, the press teems with productions calculated to meet the popular demand. To select, from this literature of the war, such portions as seemed worthy of attention, or best calculated to illustrate the spirit of this historic age, has been the aim of your Board. How it has succeeded in this endeavor will appear in the list of additions appended to this Report.

The whole number of volumes added is, as has been stated, five hundred and twenty-four. Of these there were obtained

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	346
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
By binding periodicals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
								524

Of pamphlets there have been added one hundred—

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
								100

The additions class as follows :—

Folios,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Quartos,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249
Duodecimos and under,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165
								524

The whole number of volumes in the Library at the date

of the last report, was	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,749
Since added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	524

Giving a total at the present time, of - - - 26,273

The Directors have to acknowledge the receipt of valuable Congressional Documents from the Hon. H. B. Anthony, our Senator, and from the Hon. W. P. Sheffield, our Representative,

in Congress. Donations have also been received from the following individuals and societies, to whom the thanks of the institution are hereby tendered.

Samuel Ames,	American Missionary Association,
A. D. Bache, of the U. S. Coast Survey,	American Peace Society,
Henry Barnard,	Chicago Historical Society,
John R. Bartlett,	City of Providence,
William Binney,	Detroit Young Men's Society,
Samuel W. Brown,	Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum,
Thomas M. Clark,	Directors of the City Library, Lowell, Mass.,
George L. Collins,	Library Company of Philadelphia,
Thomas A. Doyle,	Mercantile Library Association, of Brooklyn,
Thomas L. Dunnell,	Mercantile Library Association of N. York,
Valentine Mott Francis, of N. York.	Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia,
Charles L. Flint, Sec'y Mass. Bd. of Agriculture,	Peabody Institute, of South Danvers,
A Friend, in Boston,	Regents of the University of the State of New York,
R. A. Guild,	Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry,
J. D. Hedge,	Rhode Island Medical Society,
Richard M. Hodges, Boston,	Smithsonian Institute,
Milo P. Jewett, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,	State Library of Ohio,
A. P. Morrill, M. C. of Vermont,	State of Rhode Island,
Usher Parsons,	Trustees of the Public Library of Boston,
Isaac Ray,	Washington Insurance Company, of Providence,
Alphonse Renaud,	Wilmington Institute,
George M. Richmond,	Young Men's Association, of Buffalo,
Christopher Robinson,	Young Men's Association, of Hartford.
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Edwin M. Stone,	
James Y. Smith,	
William G. Williams,	
Augustus Woodbury,	
American Antiquarian Society,	
American Institute of New York,	

The Directors have also the peculiar pleasure of announcing an addition of five hundred dollars to the permanent funds of the institution. This sum was received by bequest of the late Rev. Allen Brown, through his executor, Dr. Samuel B. Tobey. Thus generously did the Rev. Mr. Brown indicate his confidence in this institution, in which he was not even a shareholder, as an instrument for the public good. Such examples are less common than would be supposed in so wealthy a community

as this, and we trust that the influence of this one will not be entirely lost upon those who chance to see its record.

In the number of volumes delivered during the year we notice a decided decrease, though owing to the absence of the Assistant Librarian during a portion of the year, when no register of the number or character of the books issued was kept, we are without our usual statistics on this point. As nearly as can be judged, there has been a decrease of at least ten per cent. in the number of volumes taken. Had we the usual record of the character of the books called for, it would be interesting to see whether this decrease appears among all classes of readers in like proportion, or how the exciting interests of the day have affected the tastes of our reading public. This diminution in the number of volumes taken is a creditable fact, in that it shows that many of our usual visitants have changed their habits to meet the exigencies of the times. Leisure hours, formerly given to the fascinating pages of our popular authors, are absorbed in preparing articles for the comfort of the soldier in the army of the Union, or for the alleviation of the sufferings of his sick and wounded comrade. Humane and patriotic labors have occupied those moments for which entertainment was formerly sought in these rooms.

In accordance with a vote of the last annual meeting, the main portion of the upper rooms has been re-carpeted with Brussels carpeting of proper style and quality, at a cost of about three hundred dollars. In connection with this much needed improvement, the inconveniently situated table formerly used for the reception of returned books was removed and replaced by one of mahogany, permanently attached to one side of the railing of the stairway leading below, and on the other two sides were placed desks for the accommodation of such as read in the rooms. These changes were effected at a cost of seventy dol-

lars. In making them, regard was paid to the general appearance of the rooms, while the convenience of the Librarian and of our visitors was consulted. In each of these particulars an improvement is claimed.

Early in the year, the attention of the Board was directed to the arrangements for the use and preservation of the many valuable illustrated works belonging to the Institution. These were kept in a case in the rear room of the basement. To this place there were many objections. It was at once unfit, inadequate and inaccessible. Unfit, because, despite all efforts for proper ventilation, the dampness incident to the basement rooms was seriously injuring the books; inadequate, because the shelves were full, while many choice works were kept in other parts of the building, separate from their proper companions; and inaccessible, because in the most remote part of the building, in a room always locked, where, without previous information of the treasures there hidden, no one would suspect their existence. To obviate these difficulties, the Directors caused to be placed in the room used for the meetings of the Board and Committees, a plain and substantial case of black walnut, with glass front, probably of sufficient size to meet our wants for some time, at an expense of one hundred fifty-two $\frac{92}{100}$ dollars. By this means, our illustrated and many other choice works are kept together in perfect preservation in a public place, where they may at any time be inspected, as they only should be, under the supervision of the Librarian, or his assistant, without essential interference with his other duties. A more fitting display is made of those more valuable and beautiful works with which, in former years, the generosity of friends has enriched the Institution. It is hoped that the vacant spaces on the shelves of the new case will be suggestive to such of farther contributions, and will appeal to the sympathies of other liberal patrons, as "aching voids" which

it would be exceedingly becoming in them to fill. To this new feature of our rooms your attention is especially commended, with the confident expectation of your approval. The three largest and most valuable of our illustrated works, Audubon's Birds and Quadrupeds, and "Description de l'Egypte," still remain in the basement, as their size renders it difficult to accommodate them elsewhere, though it is hoped that some means may be found of doing so.

During the year, the Supplementary Catalogue, so long needed, has been printed, bound and issued to such shareholders as have asked for it. This has been accomplished at a cost of about seven hundred dollars. This unusual expense, as well as that attendant on the various internal improvements before noticed, the Treasurer has been able to meet without inconvenience, owing to the comparatively light sum used in adding to our literary stores.

What remains of the history of the year may be briefly told.

In response to the call of the Secretary of War in May last for three months volunteers, the Assistant Librarian, Mr. F. H. Hedge, Jr., promptly subscribed his name to the roll. Leave of absence for the required time was granted him, at the expiration of which, he returned to his former duties.

The Committee appointed to examine the Library, have performed that duty, and report the books generally in good condition, with but *twelve* volumes missing, all of which are of little value and easily replaced.

No new shares have been sold during the year, and the whole number now issued [remains as reported in 1860, five hundred and ninety-one.

The permanent investments also remain as then stated, with the addition of five hundred dollars, the legacy of the Rev. Allen Brown, before noticed. This latter sum was invested in United

States securities, of which the par value is five hundred and fifty dollars and the market value considerably more.

From the Treasurer's Report we gather the following items :

The receipts for the year have been—

From the annual tax collected on 559 shares, -	\$2,795 00
From interest on investments, - - - -	729 95
From shares sold for taxes, - - - -	25 00
From fines collected, - - - -	48 19
Amount on hand at the beginning of the year, -	730 14

Giving a total of - - - - - \$4,328 28

The expenditures have been as follows :

For salaries, - - - - -	\$1,520 00
For books and periodicals, - - - -	800 30
For printing, - - - - -	576 39
For binding, - - - - -	347 42
For internal improvements, - - - -	524 34
For miscellaneous, - - - - -	334 95
Balance on hand, - - - - -	224 88

\$4,328 28

The history of the twenty-seventh year in the life of the Providence Athenæum is thus before its shareholders. Altogether the record seems satisfactory, for the resources of the Institution have been but slightly curtailed by the exigencies of the times, and have proved sufficient to admit such purchases for the increase of its Library as the Directors have desired to make, even while incurring an extraordinary outlay of over twelve hundred dollars, in certain unusual directions, which seemed necessary incidents of its progress.

WM. S. PATTEN, *President*.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand September 23d, 1861.....\$730 14

The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

Annual tax collected on 559 shares	\$2,795 00	
Interest on investments.....	729 95	
Shares sold for taxes.....	25 00	
Fines collected.....	48 19	
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		\$4,328 28
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Expenditures for the same period have been as follows:—

For salaries	\$1,520 00	
For books and periodicals.....	800 30	
For binding.....	347 42	
For printing.(catalogue, &c.).....	580 56	
For fuel.	114 28	
For gas.....	38 92	
For collecting taxes	58 75	
For insurance	64 40	
For repairs and furniture	528 63	
For sundries	50 14	
Amount to new account.....	224 88	
	<hr/>	\$4,328 28
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(Signed,)

AMASA PAINE, *Treasurer.*

Providence, September 22d, 1862.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22D, 1862.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold George C.	103
Aborn James A.	162	Arnold Job	570
Aborn John W.*	38	Arnold John N.	223
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold Margaret L.	559
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Richard J.	40
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adler Charles A.	450	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Austin Samuel	2
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Philip	9	Bailey William M.	165
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25. ——— The earl's heirs, a tale. 8o. Phil., 1862.
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27. ——— A life's secret; a story of woman's revenge. 8o. Phil., 1862.
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1863.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1863.

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REIGN OF

CHARLES THE FIRST
BY
JOHN BURNET
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FROM THE BEGINNING OF HIS REIGN
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R E P O R T .

In pursuance of a constitutional requirement, the Directors of the Providence Athenæum beg leave to present the customary Annual Report of “the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the Institution.”

And in so doing, the Board would advert, first of all, to the fact that, since our last Anniversary, they have been called to mourn the removal of one of their associates, by death. On the 26th of July last, the Treasurer of this Institution, Capt. Amasa Paine, U. S. N., was gathered to his fathers, in the ripeness of his years and strength, and “in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope.” At the August meeting of the Board, appropriate testimonials of their respect for the memory of the dead, and of their sympathy with the sorrows of the living, were unanimously adopted. A copy of them will be found in the Appendix to this Report.

Capt. Paine deserves an honorable mention in this connection, as having been one of those members of the Board, whose place at our council-table was seldom,—almost never, vacant. He was diligent and punctual in his duties as Director of this Institution. This fact may not carry with it any unusual significance to his constituents ; but when it is remembered that,

during the last twelve months, some members of the Board have not been present at one of its meetings, and some others only once, while Capt. Paine was absent *but* once, up to the date of his death, the example of our deceased associate will not fail to commend itself to our grateful recollections. The vacancy in the Treasurership was filled by the appointment of Henry T. Cornett, Esq.

With regard to the Library, the Board regret that they cannot present a more gratifying statement of its growth and condition. Indeed, the word *growth* is scarcely applicable in the records of the past year, except in a qualified sense. There have been added, since the last report,

431	volumes	by purchase,
31	“	“ donation,
111	“	“ the binding of periodicals, &c.

making a total of 537

Of these volumes, 13 were folios, 32 quartos, 239 octavos, and 289 duodecimos and under. The whole number of volumes now in the Library, is 26,846. Seventeen volumes were found missing at the recent examination of the Library. A list of the additions, (with the exception of periodicals, which are but the continuations of entries in former catalogues,) will be found appended to this report. It will be seen that more than one third of them are works of fiction. Nearly one eighth owe their origin to the war. Works of Religion, Belles-lettres, History, Biography, Science, Travel, rank in number, in the order in which we have now named them. To our stock of pamphlets, ninety-four have been added, twenty-five by purchase, and sixty-nine by donation.

But while the foregoing statistics indicate a slight numerical increase in our Library, it may be fairly questioned whether the

real, insurable value thereof is not less than it was two years ago. The depreciation arising from the ordinary wear and tear of a library, including losses, &c., is commonly estimated, we believe, at from 8 to 10 per cent. per annum. But if we should reduce that estimate as low as 6 per cent., we fear that the additions of the last two years have not been an equivalent for the waste occasioned in the same period, by the constant, and not always careful handling, to which the library is subjected. This is a painful suggestion to be heard in connection with an institution like this, which may be regarded as being, to some extent, a representative of the taste, and culture, and liberality of our city. But if the suggestion shall appear to be but too well justified by the facts in the case, it should stimulate the thoughtfulness and public spirit, not only of the Directors, but of all the corporators and friends of the Athenæum. The explanation given in our last Annual Report, of the meagre accessions to the Library for the year then closed, will hardly be deemed satisfactory now. The nation, viewed as “a colossal man,” is, indeed, struggling through a tremendous crisis,—is staggering beneath fearful burdens; and the pressure of those burdens is felt, more or less, by individual members of the body politic. And yet we utter no mere speculative opinion, but one of the most visible and patent of facts, when we add, that there has seldom been a time, when a greater activity prevailed among all departments of industry, than at this present moment,—when the enterprise of the capitalist was rewarded by such abundant, and occasionally almost fabulous returns,—when the toils of the laborer were more amply remunerated,—when the coffers of the bank and of the exchange were so overflowing with that which is the “sinews of war,” and of Athenæums too,—in short, when a more wakeful energy was displayed all over this section of the Republic, at least, in organizing the victories of peace. Surely,

all this activity and zeal in our commercial, industrial and patriotic labors, cannot be long in operation without communicating themselves to all benevolent and literary institutions that may approve themselves worthy of assistance, without lending a new impulse to the social, religious and intellectual improvements of the nation. We see an illustration of this in the well authenticated fact, that more *church* debts have been either extinguished or reduced within the last two years, than in any other two years for a long period. We humbly submit, therefore, that this is not an inauspicious time, in a pecuniary point of view, for inaugurating a more progressive and aggressive policy in the affairs of this institution.

The hindrance to the purchase and importation of foreign books, growing out of the high rates of exchange, was alluded to last year, and it still exists, though in a mitigated form. We observe, however, in looking over the last Report of the Hartford Young Men's Institute, that an arrangement was effected by them, under which they have purchased books abroad, to be paid for whenever foreign exchange can be procured at reasonable rates,—interest being charged, meanwhile, at 4 per cent. per annum; and a sum equal to the supposed liability for such purchases being deposited at interest in a Savings Bank. Our Hartford brethren may have been favored with some facilities of a private character, not available elsewhere. But it will be worth an inquiry on the part of our successors in the Directory of this body, whether some similar arrangement cannot be brought about for the benefit of our own Library. At all events, it becomes us well to remember, that if we would have this institution a *live* thing,—a vital power in this community, attracting to itself increasing numbers of every age and profession and class;—if we would keep it in sympathy with the rising, widening intelligence of our own day and generation, and se-

cure for it a prosperous, vigorous future, we must be at some pains, if need be, in seeking a constant renewal of its life and its influence. We should be ambitious of gathering to these shelves a much larger proportion than heretofore, of those treasures which the best hearts and the finest intellects on both sides of the Atlantic, are embodying, each year, in the English tongue. *An ever fresh supply of reading matter* is the indispensable condition of a solid and growing public interest. The experience of other kindred institutions, is one of the best vouchers we can have for the truth of this remark. We find in the report of one of them [Mer. Lib. Assoc., N. Y.,] a sentence like this. "Could we have expended more money for books, there is no doubt, with the favorable impression we were making on the public mind, that our increase of membership would have been much greater." The Report of the "Institute" at Hartford, for the present year, after mentioning the accession of more than one hundred and fifty new members, observes that the "encouraging result is, doubtless, chiefly to be attributed to the large number of new and valuable books added to the library during the year." And in a similar strain, the Report of the Mer. Lib. Assoc. of Cincinnati, expresses the conviction, that their best hope of an enlarged membership lay in "a healthier growth of the Library." But we may not pursue this topic further. We could wish that the shareholders here present might deem it worthy of some consideration and discussion, before they separate to-night.

We have already stated, that, of the volumes added to the Library during the past year, more than one third consisted of works of fiction. If there shall be any surprise over this preponderance of light literature, in the purchases of the board, the Librarian has furnished some statistics as to the absorbing demand for that kind of literature, that must awaken regret, as

well as surprise. From memoranda made by him, we learn that the total number of volumes given out during the year, is 18,352, viz :

Of works of Fiction, 10,863 ; Biography and History, 2,454 ; Poetry and Belles-lettres, 1,392 ; Miscellaneous, 950 ; Voyages and Travels, 725 ; Religion and Philosophy, 717 ; Periodical Literature, 664 ; Science and Art, 587. Of the 594 shares now on record, as belonging to different individuals or societies, 548 have been used during the past year. The greatest number of volumes given out on any one share, is 188. The greatest number issued in any one month, is 1793, in January. The least number issued in any one month, is 1,361, in July.

It will be noticed that nearly sixty per cent., or considerably more than one half of all the reading issued by the Athenæum during the year, consisted of works of Fiction, which number 10,863, while on all other subjects put together, only 7,489 volumes were taken out.

It is doubtless true, that some of our shareholders do not, for obvious reasons, supply the household library with the productions of the Novelist, as freely as with those of the Traveller or the Biographer,—of the Divine, the Historian, or the Poet. For the fugitive and less valuable literature of the day, they prefer to depend on these alcoves, and to confine their purchases to works of a more intrinsic and lasting value. This circumstance may account in part,—though in part only,—for the disproportion between the demand for books of a substantial character, and that, now referred to, for the pages of romance. Nor does that disproportion seem to be changing for the better. In the year ending September, 1859, the whole number of volumes given out, was 20,353, of which 9,864 were works of Fiction, while the volumes on all other subjects amounted to 10,489. This year the figures are worse than reversed. We believe

there has never been a year in our history, that indicated such a waning interest in the more useful and substantial departments of literature. Perhaps the Librarian is correct in saying, that “the feverish excitement which exists in the minds of all is not favorable to intellectual exertion, and books are resorted to as a relief from anxiety, and to beguile a weary hour, rather than for purposes of improvement.” But it is to be lamented that such a *very* large proportion of the reading sought from these shelves should be of a kind that ministers so feebly to the deepest and most serious needs of a human soul,—that seldom or never serves to arouse, and guide, and strengthen our better nature. A passion for that kind of reading which requires no thought, and awakens no thought, must prove both mentally and morally injurious. Procuring its bread in the sweat of the brow, is a merciful law for the mind as well as body. And “the habit of receiving pleasure without any exercise of thought, by the mere excitement of curiosity or sensibility,” should be dreaded by the youthful visitors of this institution, as one of the heaviest of misfortunes. The remedial influences that may abate this morbid appetite for the pages of the Novelist, and gradually induce a healthier, must be sought mainly outside of these walls. If any correctives are practicable, they will be found originally and chiefly in parental wisdom and tact, and in a better supply of innocent pleasures and occupations at home. But it seems to us that the Athenæum may lend a co-operating hand by replenishing these shelves with continuous supplies of fresh reading matter, whose variety and interest, and sterling excellence, shall tend to elevate and improve the popular taste, and supplant an undue craving for poorer food, by providing a richer and more attractive supply of that which is better.

The Athenæum is indebted for valuable documents, to the Hon. H. B. Anthony, and the Hon. S. G. Arnold, our Sena-

tors in Congress, and to the Hon. W. P. Sheffield, one of our Representatives. Donations of volumes and pamphlets have also been received from the following individuals and societies :

A. D. Bache, of the U. S. Coast Survey,	Directors of the Worcester Free Public Library,
Geo. L. Collins,	Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum,
Henry B. Dawson, of Morrisiana, N.Y.,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
J. D. Hedge,	Mercantile Lib. Assoc. of Brooklyn,
Richard M. Hodges, Boston,	" " " " Cincinnati,
W. Alfred Jones, New York,	" " " " New York,
Geo. Livermore, Cambridge, Mass.	Mercantile Lib. Company of Philadelphia,
Edward C. Mauran,	R. I. Soc. for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry,
Usher Parsons,	Regents of the University of the State of New York,
Isaac Ray,	State of Rhode Island,
Alphonse Renaud,	Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library,
John L. Sibley, Harvard University,	Trustees of the New York Society Library,
Edwin M. Snow,	Trustees of the Peabody Institute,
Edwin M. Stone,	Washington Insurance Co., of Providence,
Wm. P. Upham, Salem, Mass.	Wilmington Institute,
Augustus Woodbury,	Young Men's Association of Buffalo.
Amer. Antiquarian Society,	
Amer. Missionary Association,	
Amer. Peace Society,	
Amer. Swedenborg Print'g & Publish'g Society,	
Chicago Historical Society,	
City of Providence,	
Detroit Young Men's Society,	

To its limited supply of Paintings, Statuary, and other works of Art, the Athenæum has received, during the past year, rare and valuable additions, for which it is greatly indebted to Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., of this city. They were selected by him from a choice and celebrated collection of two wealthy gentlemen of London, now deceased,—one of them his brother, the late Alpheus Billings, Esq., formerly of this city; and the other, Mr. Cadman. These two gentlemen were partners, not only in business, but in *Æsthetics*; and so the home of those bachelor friends, jointly occupied by them for more than twenty years, became a sort of temple, wherein were gathered costly and exquisite productions of genius and skill. Through the liberality of E. R. Billings, Esq., five of those treasures are now the property of the Athenæum.

They were received in May last, and acknowledged by the

Board of Directors, as follows: "The Directors of the Athenæum, in behalf of the Institution, hereby acknowledge the reception of three original paintings, "A Cavalier of the time of Charles I," by Van Dyke,—"A portrait of John Hampden," by Gandy,—and "A girl reading," by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Also, a large and exquisitely beautiful Malachite circular Table, formerly owned by Prince Demidoff, of Russia; and an admirably wrought marble bust of Shakespeare,—all of which are selections from the collection of Art Treasures of the late Alpheus Billings, Esq., of London, formerly of Providence, and which are now highly prized additions to the choicest ornaments of the Athenæum through the munificence of his brother, Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., of Providence.

VOTED, That the Board accept with pleasure and gratitude this noble and costly present, and hereby thank him for adding so richly to the attractions and usefulness of the Athenæum, and furnishing such models of beauty, of elegance, and of excellence in Art, gratifying to the refined taste, and cultivating it in the community of which he is a citizen.

The bust of Shakespeare was modeled after the Chandos portrait, presented to the National Gallery, London, by the Earl of Ellesmere, and said to be the earliest extant.

The picture by Sir Joshua Reynolds is a portrait of his favorite niece, Theophila Palmer, when about sixteen years of age. It was among the pictures sent by him to the exhibition of the Royal Academy in 1771, and entered in the catalogue, as "a Girl reading," and on Horace Walpole's copy of the Catalogue was designated as "charming."

The Malachite Table is very costly and remarkable. Its circular top, on a carved and gilded column, is 58 inches in diameter, which, with its edge, is covered with Malachite, a mineral so choice and beautiful as to be used for expensive jewelry. It was in the Paris exhibition of 1859.

Mr. Billings has recently given another instance of his liberality, and concern for the institutions of his native city, by procuring in England, and presenting to Brown University, two original portraits—one of Charles II, from whom this State received its charter ; and the other, Catharine of Braganza, wife of Charles,—both by Gaspar.

For a detailed statement of our finances, we must refer to the report of the Treasurer. The ordinary receipts, including last year's balance, have been Thirty-seven hundred eighty $\frac{42}{100}$ dollars, and the ordinary expenditures, including premium on a re-investment, Thirty-two hundred fifty-one $\frac{9}{100}$ dollars, leaving a present balance in the Treasury of Five hundred twenty-nine $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars. Of the amount paid out, Nine hundred twenty-two $\frac{13}{100}$ only have been expended for the purchase or the binding of books. The invested funds of the Athenæum remain as reported last year, viz: \$11,550. The taxes on 33 shares remain unpaid for the past year.

Such, in brief, are the annals of another year in the life of the Athenæum. Let us not close our proceedings to-night, until we have made the present condition and wants of the institution the subject of our deliberations. The comparatively small number of volumes added to the Library, and the small number of shares sold, for the two years just expired ; and also the meagre attendance of Directors at the Board,—the average number present, during the year, having been smaller than for several years past,—are matters worthy of deliberation. A number of years has now elapsed since any systematic effort was made to bring before the men and women of our city, the character and claims of the Athenæum. Meanwhile, the natural growth and the ordinary fluctuations of our population, have introduced many new families and individuals all around us ; and we persuade ourselves that if a judicious appeal could find its way to all such,

it would meet with a handsome and cheerful response on the part of not a few among them. Is it not an appropriate time for initiating some measures calculated to bring this institution into better communication with the fifty thousand souls in its neighborhood? It is only in very rare cases that a good cause will find its strength in sitting still. It will achieve a full success, only as it shows itself inventive, pains-taking and unwearyed in its course. And this institution must earn the prosperity which it is destined, we hope, to attain. It now possesses a Library whose treasures should be better known and used. Let the fact of such treasures be more widely circulated, and more earnestly commended to the attention of the families, and especially the *younger* families of our goodly city. If they have been a blessing and an honor in days gone by, let the blessing spread in days that are coming; and as for the honor, it will then take care of itself; but it is a very safe expression, that it may be made a great blessing, and an increasing one, to ourselves and those who shall come after us. Over the entrance to the oldest of Egyptian libraries were inscribed the words, "The healing of the soul." In our day we should hardly select such a sentence for such a purpose, for we know but too well, that

"The tree of Knowledge is not that of Life."

But while the former may never be made a substitute for the latter, it may yet contribute many beneficent influences from age to age, and therefore deserves the interest and care even of those whose deepest reverence and affections are given, and rightly given, to the "Tree of Life." And herein we are reminded of the language of one who was the first Vice-President of this institution, and who once adorned the Chair of Belles-Lettres in our University. In his Phi Beta Kappa Discourse of 1836, on the importance of liberal studies, the late Prof. Goddard closed with this paragraph: "I ascribe to them no power

to teach rooted sorrow the lesson of submission,—to succor virtue amid mighty temptations,—to dispel the awful sadness of the inevitable hour. These are the victories of Christian Faith,—the grand, peculiar and imperishable evidences of its power. But I challenge for Science and for Letters, the noble praise of reclaiming us from the dominion of the senses,—of lightening the burden of care,—of stimulating within us the undying principles of the Moral Life.”

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The financial operations for the entire year, (from September 22d, 1862, to date,) have been as follows, viz :

Amount in the Treasury September 22d, 1862.....\$224 88

RECEIPTS.

For Shares sold, 3, at \$15.....	\$45 00	
For tax assessed Sept. 22d, 1862, collected on 558 shares.....	2,790 00	
For tax assessed September, 1861, collected on 2 shares.....	10 00	
For dividends and interest on invested funds.....	651 58	
For fines collected.....	36 65	
For books sold.....	5 14	
For old carpet and clock sold.....	17 17	
For Worcester Railroad bonds paid, and interest.....	6,109 62	
		9,665 16
		<u>\$9,890 04</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$480 84	
For periodicals.....	339 99	
For binding books, &c.....	101 30	
For salaries.....	1,520 00	
For fuel.....	112 20	
For gas.....	47 77	
For insurance.....	57 00	
For collecting assessments.....	60 37	
For blank books, forms and stationary.....	17 62	
For express, postage and stamps.....	21 35	
For advertising and printing.....	61 34	
For furniture.....	148 45	
For repairs.....	113 95	
For sundries.....	12 81	
For United States bonds and note bought, and interest.....	6,265 72	
		9,360 71
Balance on hand this day, deposited in the Manufacturer's Bank.....	529 33	
		<u>\$9,890 04</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation, consist of		
74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal Bank, par value.....	\$1,850 00	
63 shares stock in the American Bank, par value.....	3,150 00	
3 United States bonds, par value.....	6,500 00	
1 United States 7 3-10 per cent. note for.....	50 00	
		<u>\$11,550 00</u>

The number of shares issued September 22d, 1862, was....591

The number issued the past year is..... 3

Making a total of.....594

Shares on which the tax assessed Sept. 22d, 1862

has not been collected.....33

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. CORNETT, *Treasurer.*

Providence, September 28th, 1863.

RESOLUTIONS UPON THE DEATH OF
AMASA PAINE, TREASURER.

Resolved, By the Board of Directors, That the death of AMASA PAINE, the Treasurer of this Institution, is a loss to this Institution of a faithful officer; to this Board, of an attentive Director, an amiable, courteous, and esteemed associate; to the community in which he lived, of a man respected for his integrity, for the Christian principle which governed all his opinions and conduct, and for his willing and persevering services in the religious society and other social associations of which he was a useful member and valued coadjutor; to the Navy of the United States, in which he was a Captain, and to his country, of an experienced officer and thorough patriot.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect for the memory of Capt. PAINE, these resolutions be recorded, and that a copy of them signed by the President and Secretary, be communicated to his family as a testimony of the sympathy of this Board for a bereavement which has severed their connection in life from a husband, a parent, and relative, who was endeared to them by every domestic virtue.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1863.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Welcome	142
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Ackerman Charles	350	Austin Samuel	2
Albro Benjamin T.	464		
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Allen Charles B.	50	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Crawford	6	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Philip	9	Baker George	226
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Baleh John R.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Baleh Joseph	205
Ames Samuel	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Ballou Sarah V	169
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Barker Frederic A.	520
Andrews David A.	470	Barker Joseph A.	252
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow John	310
Angell Elizabeth* (N. Providence)	584	Bartlett John R.	279
Angell James B.	184	Beekwith Amos N.	445
Angell John W.	287	Beekwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Henry	44	Beekwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry B.	414	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Aplin Charles	453	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Armington Asa W.	289	Bennett Preston	578
Armington James H.	331	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Charles	106	Binney William	558
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bishop Nathaniel*	471
Arnold George C.	103	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Arnold Job	570	Blake Joseph M.	530
Arnold John N.	223	Blodgett Samuel C.	110, 222
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Blodgett William P.	387
Arnold Richard J.	40	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288

* Deceased.

Borden Jefferson, (Fall River)	143	Childs Charles H.	208
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Church Peter	217
Bowen Henry	198	Claflin George L.	482
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clarke James M.	501
Bradford Joseph	250	Clarke John H.	313
Bradford Mary W.	426	Cleveland Almira A.	129
Bradford S. S.	65	Clifford Marian	47
Bradley Charles S.	303	Coggeshall James H.	450
Brastow Billings	31	Collins George L.	526
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Congdon George W.	257
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Henry T.	510	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Brown John Carter	77	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Brown Joseph R.	480	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Moses*	1	Cornett Henry T.	265
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, &C.

AT the expiration of another year in the history of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, the Board of Directors have the pleasure of presenting to the corporation the following report of their proceedings:—

On the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the Board completed the organization for the year by electing the Hon. William S. Patten, President, and Alexis Caswell, Vice-President.

Henry T. Beckwith, Esq., was subsequently elected a member of the Board, in place of Zephaniah Brown, Esq., who declined serving.

J. D. Hedge was reëlected Librarian, at a salary of \$900 per annum, and F. H. Hedge, Assistant Librarian, at a salary of \$500 per annum. These gentlemen have continued to serve the Institution with fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

The following standing committee were also appointed, viz :

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We desire to record, with gratitude to Him in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, that, during the past year, no one of our number has been removed by death. All have been spared to participate with interest in the conduct of our affairs.

Monthly meetings of the Board have been held as usual. It appears, from the records, that the average attendance has been over nine members at each meeting, which is a gratifying evidence of interest in the welfare of the Institution. There is only one name on the list of Directors, which does not repeatedly appear on the record of the monthly meetings; and that is upon the roll of those who are on the lines fighting the battles of their country.

It may be proper to remark, that the corporate seal authorized by the charter has been procured since the last Annual Meeting. It consists of the figures "1836" (being the date of the charter) engraved on the leaves of an open book, in the centre of a circle, and the words, "*The Providence Athenæum, Rhode Island,*" between two concentric circular lines near the outer edge of the die.

The sidewalk in front of the Athenæum Building was relaid during the last autumn, with improved curbstones. For this valuable improvement, the Athenæum is indebted to the liberality of the heirs of the late Thomas P. Ives, Esq.

We have great pleasure in stating that, since our last meeting, a bronze medallion of Major General Burnside, of nearly life size, has been added to our collections. This beautiful and

truthful work of art, modeled by W. Barber, Esq., and executed in bronze by William Miller, Esq., will carry down to after times the noble features of an able general and a true patriot, whom Rhode Island is proud to honor, and whose name will hold a conspicuous place among the brave and unselfish defenders of our constitution and the country. It is the joint gift of several liberal and patriotic citizens whose names are entered upon our records.

We come now to the more important business of the year.

The total amount of money received, as appears by the Treasurer's books, is \$4520.58. This, with the balance of \$529.33, makes the sum of \$5049.91. The total expenditures amount to \$3337.84. Of this sum, \$1073.49 have been expended for the direct benefit of the Library, \$1400 for salaries, and \$864.35 for fuel, lights, insurance, stationery, advertising, the care of the rooms and grounds, and for sundry incidental expenses.

The items of expenditure for the direct benefit of the Library are as follows, viz.: in the purchase of books, \$587.57; in the purchase of periodicals, \$412.92; in binding, \$73.00.

The total number of volumes added since the last Annual Report of the Board is 538. Of these, the number added—

By purchase, is	-	-	-	-	-	390
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	35
By binding of periodicals, etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	113
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	538

The number of pamphlets added is 98, viz.:

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	52
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	46
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	98

Classifying the books by their sizes, we find the additions to consist of—

Folios,	-	-	-	-	-	17 volumes.
Quartos,	-	-	-	-	-	19 “
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	-	247 “
Duodecimos and under,				-	-	255 “
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	538 “

The whole number of volumes in the Library, reported at the last Annual Meeting, was - - - 26,846

This increased by the additions of this year, 538

Makes a total, at the present time, of - 27,384

The examination of the Library shows that only 18 volumes have been lost since the last annual report. Fortunately, they were volumes of comparatively little value, and such as may be easily replaced. The percentage of loss is almost exactly one volume to a thousand taken out. It is creditable to the borrowers and to the management of the Library, that the loss should be so small.

The very high rates at which exchange has ruled during the year, and the largely increased cost of American books, have much restricted the number of volumes added to the Library. The general advance in prices may be seen from the fact that the purchases of last year averaged \$1.15 per volume; those of this year, \$1.62, which is equivalent to *forty-one per cent. advance*.

Donations of volumes and pamphlets have been received from the following individuals and societies, to whom the thanks of the Institution are gratefully tendered:—

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George L. Collins,	Harper & Brothers,
William C. Cozzens, of Newport,	Harvard College,
Horace H. Day, of New York,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
Henry C. Dorr, “ “	Mercantile Library Association, of
Thomas A. Doyle,	Brooklyn, N. Y.,
T. Stafford Drowne, of Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Mercantile Library Association, of San
Edward E. Dunbar, of New York,	Francisco,
Alexander Farnum,	New York Central Railroad Co.,
Valentine Mott Francis, of New York,	New York Society Library,
A Friend in California,	Peabody Institute, South Danvers,
Reuben A. Guild,	Providence Conference Seminary and
Frederic H. Hedge, of Brookline, Mass.	Musical Institute,
J. D. Hedge,	Public Library, Charlestown, Mass.,
Alfred W. Jones, of Columbia College,	Redwood Library and Athenæum,
New York,	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,
E. W. Mason,	Rhode Island Medical Society,
Edward C. Mauran,	Smithsonian Institution,
Joseph Mauran,	Sons of Rhode Island in New York,
Sylvester Mowry, of Arizona,	State of Rhode Island,
George T. Paine,	United States, Department of State,
Isaac Ray,	“ “ Navy Department,
Henry Waterman,	“ “ Treasury Department,
Thomas Williams,	Washington Insurance Company, of
American Antiquarian Society,	Providence,
American Missionary Association.	Young Men's Association, of Buffalo.
American Peace Society,	

Three new periodicals have been added, during the year, to the large number heretofore taken in our reading room, viz. :—

“London Society ; an illustrated magazine of light and amusing literature.” 8vo. Published monthly in London.

“Public Opinion ; a comprehensive summary of the press throughout the world, on all important current topics.” Folio. London, weekly.

“United States Service Magazine.” 8vo. New York, monthly.

The number of volumes added to the Library, this year, is very nearly the same as last year. The circulation has also been very nearly the same. The whole number of books delivered, this year, amounts to 18,412. It is a matter of no little interest to see what kind of reading is most popular with that portion of the community which patronizes the Athenæum. The following instructive details have been furnished by the Librarian. Of the 18,412 volumes taken out by proprietors and their representatives, there were of works—

On Fiction,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,916
Biography and History,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,557
Poetry and Belles Lettres,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,760
Miscellaneous Subjects,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,031
Religion and Philosophy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	963
Voyages and Travels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	831
Periodical Literature,	-	-	-	-	-	-	749
Science and Art,	-	-	-	-	-	-	605
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,412

Thus, it appears, that in the use of the Library, so far as it has reference to books taken out, the works on fiction outnumber, by considerable, all others put together. Whether this holds good in respect to other popular libraries we do not know. But it will be thought by many that this kind of reading has, by far, too great a preponderance; and that it tends to cultivate a trivial and vicious taste, and that it is prejudicial to the more substantial and solid culture which marks the intellectual character of a community. To some, the very idea of fiction is ominous in a moral point of view. It is nearly allied to falsehood and delusion. Now, it must be admitted, that this department in the Library is largely, perhaps, dis-

proportionately, extended. It is certainly desirable to invest our money, as far as may be, in books of permanent value. Nor have the Library Committee, with whom the responsibility mainly rests, been insensible to the importance of these considerations. In the purchase of books in this department, they have made it a point to exclude all works of doubtful tendency. They have often postponed the purchase of others of whose character they were not informed, until they could be examined, or until they were called for by persons using the Library. They have not felt at liberty to restrict themselves to works which would suit their own individual tastes ; but have endeavored, in this respect, to meet the reasonable demands of the proprietors. It is to be borne in mind, moreover, that many persons interested in this Institution may wish to peruse many current books in the department of fiction which they do not wish to buy and place on the shelves of their own libraries. The most convenient way to procure them is to get them here. But it must specially be borne in mind by those who object to this kind of writing, that, though it is not true to history in the most literal sense, it is often eminently true to character, true to virtue and true to religion. Many of these works of fiction are composed by the most gifted authors, for the best and noblest purposes. They make virtue amiable, and vice odious, expose treachery and meanness to contempt, while innocence, generosity, benevolence and justice, in the struggle of life, are crowned with victory. Nowhere shall we find finer specimens of good writing, of pure morality, and skilful delineation of character, than in this department of literature. Still, it must be admitted, that many works of fiction do not merit this high commendation, and some are open to positive objection, on the ground both of bad taste and bad morals ; which fact imposes upon the Library Committee the responsible task of a discrimi-

nating and just selection. The large preponderance of reading in this field of literature, and the remarks which have occasionally been made upon it, will be our apology for having adverted to it in this report.

We have thus presented to you "the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the Institution." We have stated to you what has been *formally done*. But the most important things done have not been noticed. To ascertain the real result of our year's work, we must follow our eighteen thousand volumes which have been taken from the Library, to the firesides and family circles where they have been read. And what a field does this open to the researches of the educator and the moralist; and what an incentive to new efforts must the enquiry give to the patrons and friends of a good city Library? How many of our youth have given a portion of their evening hours to the perusal of some fascinating narrative of real or imaginary life, which would otherwise have been given to profitless intercourse, or still worse, to perilous temptations in the dark recesses of city life? And with how many would this initial difference be the turning point between a life of noble and successful efforts, and a life of painful derelictions of virtue darkly shadowed with profligacy and crime. How many have had awakened in them a love of reading, and have entered upon a career of self-culture which cannot fail to produce, in after life, the richest fruits? How many a young man whose circumstances preclude him from colleges and schools of science has learned from some example which has fallen under his notice in one of our volumes, that the leisure hours of a mechanic, if duly improved, will at length place him in the rank of cultivated men, and give him an honorable position in the administration of public affairs? How many have been quickened to new intellectual efforts? How many have been

confirmed in good resolutions? What a wide range of refined pleasures and social amenities and improvements has followed in the track of these eighteen thousand volumes, as they have circulated through the community? In tracing the legitimate results of these silent and unobtrusive beginnings,—these inner emotions, aspirations and resolves,—as they are wrought out in practical life, what boundless treasures of good should we discover. In this point of view, which is, we think, the true point of view, the labors of a single year in the life of the Athenæum swell into vast dimensions, and impress upon us a deep sense of the grandeur of the work in which we are engaged.

This train of thought leads to an inquiry of great importance, but not new to you. It has often been referred to in the annual reports of the Board. But as we must often have “line upon line and precept upon precept,” in order to success, so we again refer to this enquiry. *It is, whether the benefits of the Athenæum cannot be largely extended.* The number of proprietors is now 583, which is two less than last year, while the number of shares is the same, viz., 594. During the last year, 14 shares have been sold by public auction to pay taxes. The number of proprietors has increased, but very moderately, for the last ten years. Our city numbers about sixty thousand inhabitants. There are probably about twelve thousand households. Only one in twenty of these has any interest in the Athenæum. And yet the expense of ownership is very moderate, and certainly could not be felt as a burden to the great majority of our citizens. Why, then, has not this Institution a larger patronage? It certainly cannot be for the want of general intelligence and culture among us. Still less can it be for the want of material prosperity. In all these respects, we think, we may justly claim an honorable rank in the sisterhood of American cities.

It seems hardly necessary that we should, every year, in our report, remind our fellow citizens of the literary, scientific and artistic wealth which the Athenæum proffers to the use of the public, almost as a gratuity. A library of nearly thirty thousand volumes, like ours, carefully selected, is one of the richest treasures which a city can possess. The choicest works in every department of literature and science are upon our shelves. We are particularly rich in splendidly illustrated works on natural history, architecture, and the fine arts generally. We have not, by any means, all the works which we could desire in this department, nor all that we hope to have. But any one who will examine our present collection will find that the artistic treasures of ancient and modern times, of Egypt, Greece and Rome, of the Vatican and the Louvre have their representatives, in no inconsiderable measure, in our Athenæum.

If now, by any means, we could double or treble the number of our proprietors, we could increase in a proportionate degree the value of our Library, and in like degree augment its power of good to the community. These suggestions are thrown out in the hope that they may find a response on the part of many citizens, who will find it a pleasure and an honor to enroll themselves as proprietors of the Providence Athenæum.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

REPORT
ON THE
PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY FUNDS
OF THE
ATHENÆUM.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1864.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM:—

GENTLEMEN,—In obedience to a request made at the last meeting of this Board, that it should be ascertained what portion of the invested funds of the Athenæum, amounting now to \$11,500, are to be held as temporary, and what portion as a permanent investment, if any difference exists, it is found that the first investment was \$5000, made in January, 1837, from general funds on hand, and not then intended to be permanent.

In the annual report of 1837, (p. 20,) it is stated, that stocks being low, the Board invested the sum of \$5000 in sixty-three shares of the American and seventy-four shares of the Blackstone Canal Banks, adding, in these words:—"This may be considered, at present, as a temporary investment, and may, when the avails are wanted, be sold without loss, probably at an advance."

The report of 1838 states, (p. 8,) that “the sum of \$5000 invested in bank stock remains unappropriated ; but as important departments of the Library are deplorably barren, it might now be used for the importation and purchase of valuable books.”

The Treasurer, also, in his report at the same time, states, that “the bank stock (\$5000) was purchased in January, 1837, as a temporary investment,” and recommends it to be converted into a permanent one, the interest to be used for the Library, (p. 16).

The report of 1839, (p. 10,) which contains the final report of the committee to erect the present building, states, that “the Institution is free from debt, and the sum of \$5000, which, as was stated in the last annual report, had been invested in bank stock, remains unappropriated.”

The report of 1840, (p. 11,) states, “that the Institution is embarrassed by no debts, and its reserved fund of \$5000 remains, and, under ordinary circumstances, ought to remain unappropriated.”

The report of 1842, (p. 9,) states, that “the reserved fund of \$5000 still remains unappropriated, and, in the opinion of the Board, it is advisable, under present circumstances, that it shall remain so.”

The amount of that \$5000 investment has never been altered, nor its temporary character changed by any *express* vote of the Board or Corporation.

In the report of 1850, (p. 7,) is the history of the Butler Donation of \$10,000, made November 5th, 1849, by Alexander Duncan, Esq., for Cyrus Butler :—“\$6000 to be added to the permanent fund of the Institution, the income of the same only to be used, and the remaining \$4000 to be applied to pay off the debt of the Institution to the Franklin Society, and to carry

out, as far as may be, the views of the Directors as to the improvements of the basement, in connection with a convenient reading room, as set forth in their last annual report to the stockholders of the Athenæum."

Of that \$10,000 donation, \$6000, to be permanent, was invested, by a committee of the Board, in Providence and Worcester Railroad bonds, which bonds having been paid off, the amount was reinvested in United States bonds, in which it now remains.

The Directors, by vote, received this donation upon the conditions expressed in the letter of Mr. Duncan, Mr. Duncan himself being a Director, and one of the committee to invest.

The corporation, at the annual meeting, 1850, accepted the report of the Directors, thus ratifying their doings.

In the report of 1862, (p. 8,) is the history of the donation by the Rev. Allen Brown of \$500, to be permanently invested. Its terms are, "\$500 for investment, the annual income to be used in the purchase of valuable books." The donation was made December 2, 1861, and, in the annual report of 1862, it is stated that the donation of \$500 has been added to the permanent fund.

The results of the foregoing facts seem to be, that, of the invested funds of the Athenæum, now amounting to \$11,500, the \$6000 of the Butler donation and the \$500 of the Allen Brown donation are strictly a permanent investment. The \$5000 invested by the Board, in 1837, was temporary, and no vote has directly changed its temporary character; but constructively and practically it has been considered to be permanent, so much so, that, in 1850, its temporary character was so far forgotten that Mr. Duncan supposed he was, by a donation of \$6000, so much increasing a permanent fund. Considerations of propriety therefore, on that account, as well as of

expediency on many accounts, justify its being now classed as permanent.

At the last Annual Meeting, the invested funds reported were \$50 more than they now are ; which \$50 were the avails of a difference in favor of the Athenæum, in the change of its investment. It was a temporary investment in a United States seven and three-tenths Treasury note, which has become due and has been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S PATTEN.

The following resolutions were passed at the Annual Meeting :—

On motion of Treasurer Henry T. Cornett, it was

Voted, That the present invested fund of the corporation, of \$11,500, be a permanent fund, and that this vote be appended to the President's report on this subject, and printed with it.

On motion of Dr. Caswell, as amended by Robert H. Ives, Esq., it was

Voted, That it is expedient to raise, by subscription, the permanent fund to twenty thousand dollars.

It was also

Voted, That the Board of Directors be instructed to adopt measures to carry this resolution into effect.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 28th, 1863\$529 33

RECEIPTS.

Tax assessed September 28th, 1863, collected on 573 shares....	\$2,865 00	
“ “ “ 22d, 1862, “ “ 17 “	85 00	
“ “ “ 23d, 1861, “ “ 5 “	25 00	
“ “ “ 24th, 1860, “ “ 1 “	5 00	
Shares sold at auction for taxes, 14; net amount.....	48 86	
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin	1,451 85	
Fines collected.....	39 87	
United States 7 3-10 per cent. note, due August 19th, 1864, paid	50 00	
		<u>4,570 58</u>
		<u>\$5,099 91</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$587 57	
For periodicals.....	412 92	
For binding books, &c.....	73 00	
For salaries	1,520 00	
For fuel	150 10	
For gas.....	57 70	
For insurance.....	56 00	
For collecting assessments.....	64 49	
For blank books, forms and stationery.....	52 39	
For express, postage and stamps	24 10	
For advertising and printing.....	103 00	
For book case for the basement.....	106 77	
For repairs, matting and stair rods.....	81 82	
For sundries.....	47 98	
		<u>3,337 84</u>
Balance on hand this day, deposited in the Manufacturers Bank.	1,762 07	
		<u>5,099 91</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—

74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal Bank, par value.....	\$1,850 00	
63 shares stock in the American Bank, par value	3,150 00	
3 United States bonds, par value.....	6,500 00	
		<u>11,500 00</u>

The number of shares issued remains the same as last year, viz.....	594
Shares on which the tax assessed September 28th, 1863, has not been collected.....	7

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. CORNETT, *Treasurer.*

Providence, September 26th, 1864.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1864.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Richard J.	40
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Ackerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6		
Allen Philip	9	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Philip, Jr.	256	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Zachariah	8	Baker George	226
Ames Samuel	171	Balch John R.	339
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews David A.	470	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barker Frederic A.	520
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barker Joseph A.	252
Angell Elizabeth* (N. Providence)	584	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell James B.	184	Barstow John*	310
Angell John W.	287	Bartlett John R.	279
Anthony Henry	44	Beckwith Amos N	445
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Truman	19
Aplin Charles	453	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Armington Asa W.	289	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Armington James H.	331	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Armington Mathew W.	83	Bennett Preston	578
Arnold Charles	106	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Binney William	558
Arnold George C.	103	Bishop Nathaniel*	471
Arnold Job	570	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Arnold John N.	223	Blake Joseph M.	530
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Blodget Samuel C.	110

*Deceased.

Blodget William P.	387	Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Child Lewis P.	345
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Childs Charles H.	208
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Claflin George L.	482
Bowen Henry	198	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clarke James M.	501
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clarke John H.	13
Bradford Joseph	250	Cleveland Almira A.	329
Bradford Mary W.	426	Clifford Marian	47
Bradford S. S.	65	Coggeshall James H.	450
Bradley Charles S.	303	Collins George L.	526
Brastow Billings	31	Collins James C.	460
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Congdon George W.	257
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Henry T.	510	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Brown John Carter	77	Cook Joseph J.	565
Brown Joseph R.	480	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Moses*	1	Cornett Henry T. 2 shares	265, 562
Brown Nicholas*	547	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Brown Thomas	212	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown William*	324	Cranston Henry C.	548
Brown William Waterman	219	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown William Whipple	466	Cross Frances E.	225
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross James M.	561
Browne George H.	585	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brownell Francis S.	160		
Brownell Sylvester*	452		
Bucklin James C.	373		
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Daggett John	455
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daniels Dexter	484
Buffum Benjamin	52	Daniels George M.	28
Bullock Julia	502	Danielson George W.	152
Bullock William P.*	144	Darling Levi B.	572
Burges Walter S.	78	Dart William H.*	128
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis John W.	217
Burrough Joseph	388	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Martha H.	367	Day Daniel	53
Bush Edwin A.	390	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Patience M.	206	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Richard W.	91	DeMunn Sarah	447
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dewitt Henry A.	469
Butts Frank	397	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
		Dexter Samuel*	95
		Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dike Arba B. 2 shares	149, 483
Calder Albert L.	274	Dorr Sullivan	380
Caldwell Samuel C.	579	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Dorrance James R.	395
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dorrance Tully	244
Carpenter Thomas	592	Dorrance William T.	92
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Carpenter Tisdale	239	Drown William H.	338
Caswell Alexis	270	Duncan Alexander	12
Central Baptist Society	307	Duncan David	261
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Chace Alexander B.	42	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chace George I.	224	Dunnell Mary	235
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chace William M.*	176	Dunwell James P.	412
Chaffee Mary E.	555	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Channing William F.	105	Dyer Benjamin*	131
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer John	21
Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423	Dyer John F.	259
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Dyer Mary A.	302

Eames Jane A.	487	Ham James S.	341
Eames Laura C.	107	Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477
Earle Amey Ann	370	Hamlin William E.	178
Earle William	474	Harkness Albert	357
Ely James W. C.	545	Harkness Thomas	33
		Harris Avis L.	457
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Harris David S.	112
Farnum Alexander	228	Harris Stephen*	221
Field Daniel	26	Harris Thomas	353
Field John A.	209	Hart Charles	553
Field William	15	Hartley George S.*	448
First Baptist Church	405	Hartshorn Charles P.	38
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hartshorn Isaae	191
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Hawes Amos B.	207
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hayes Wingate	93
Fletcher Thomas	300	Hayward Thomas W.	563
Fletcher William	368	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fluhrer William F.	582	Heap James	439
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hedge Frederic H. Jr. 2 shares	238, 523
Foster Samuel	576	Helme William H.	550
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hidden Henry A.	137
Francis John N.	590	Hill Hiram	163
French William S.	318	Hill Paris	134
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hill Thomas J.	363
Fuller Frederick	560	Hilton William D.	114
		Hodges Isaae A.	468
Gallup Albert S.	503	Holden Charles*	29
Gammell William	286	Hoppin George H.	430
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Hoppin Thomas C*	51
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hoppin William W.	283
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hoskins James B.	294
Gladding Samuel	354	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Glezen Eben K.	407	Howard William A.	75
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Howland John A.	192
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Hudson Henry E.	241
Goff Amey S.	499	Humphrey Walker	475
Goodwin Daniel	315	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Gorham Jabez	45	Hunt George	364
Gorham John	427	Hutchins Shubael	123
Gorton Charles	355	Hutchins Sterns	175
Greene Albert C. cashier	492		
Greene Albert G.	332	Ives Hope*	404
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Ives Hope B.	3
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Ives Robert H.	4
Greene Richard W.	73		
Greene Rufus	444	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Sarah A.	290	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Scott	166	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Warren A.	535	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene William Albert*	187	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene William Albert*	164	Jenkins William*	5
Greene William H.	543	Jillson Charles D.	461
Grinnell George	229	Johnson William S.	329
Grinnell William T.	86	Jones Albert J.	82
Grosvenor William	108	Jones Edward S.	512
		Jones John D.	472
		Joslin Susan R.	473
Haines William S.	102		
Hale Isaae	382	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hall Edward B.	263	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hall George R. (Bristol)	284	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hall George W.	496	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hallet George W.	37	Kendall Oliver	505
Ham Benjamin W.	437		

Kilton Charles H.	172	Murray Robert, Jr.	524
Kilton John B.	148		
King George M. P.	593		
King William J.	571	Newcomb Rhoda	362
Kingsbury John	214	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nichols J. Bassett*	311
Knight Henry P.*	233	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Nightingale George C.	113
Knowles Edward P.	488	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Knowles John P.	71	Noyes George C.	295
Knowles Joseph	268	Noyes Samuel M.	546
		Nye Oliver C.*	581
Lapham Benjamin N.	446		
Larchar John*	39	Okie A. Howard	586
Larned Samuel*	306	Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292
Leach Daniel	515	Olney Stephen T.	186
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Lincoln John L.	119	Ormsbee John S.	347
Lippitt Christopher	150	Osborn William	340
Lippitt Henry	68	Owen Ezekiel	54
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Owen George	401
Llewin James M.	157	Owen Smith	389
Lockwood Moses B.	351		
Lothrop Henry W.	140		
Lyman Henry B.	67	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lyman John W.	126	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lyon Mary W.	549	Padelford A. J.	127
		Padelford Seth	111
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Paine Amasa*	115
Manton Amasa	24	Paine Daniel	328
Manton Robert	409	Palmer John B.	500
Manton Walter	410	Parkhurst Charles H.	374
Martin Joseph	456	Parkhurst William H.	155
Mason Charles F.	266	Parsons Charles W.	35
Mason Earl P.	258	Parsons Usher	375
Mason George	81	Patten William S.	237
Mason Henry W.	285	Payne Abraham	497
Mason Israel B.	200	Payton Eliza J.	264
Mason John N.	222	Pearce Edward	185
Mason Owen	216	Pearce Edward D.	321
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Pearson Luther	23
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peck Allen O.	211
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peck George B.	376
Mauran Abby	62	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mauran Joseph	243	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mauran Suchet	132	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mead Marshall B.	508	Peckham Thomas*	22
Merrill William S.	314	Peirce Charles H.	564
Merriman Charles H.	537	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Perry Amos	458
Metcalf Edwin	254	Phillips Thomas	378
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2. NICOLSON, W. The English, Scotch and Irish historical libraries. folio, Lond., 1736.
3. NINETEEN beautiful years; sketches of a girl's life by her sister. 16° N. Y., 1864.
4. Notes of hospital life from Nov. '61 to Aug. '63. 12° Phila., 1864.
5. OLIPHANT, Mrs. M. Self-sacrifice. 16° Phila., s. a.
6. OSGOOD, F. S., *editor*. The poetry of flowers, and flowers of poetry. 12° Phila., 1863.
7. "OUIDA." Held in bondage; or, Granville de Vigne. A tale. 2 vols. 12° Phila., 1864.
8. OUT of prison. 16° Bost., 1864.
9. OWEN, R. D. The wrong of slavery. 12° Phila., 1864.
10. PARDON, G. F. Tales from the operas. 12° N. Y., 1864.
11. PARR, Miss. Annis Warleigh's fortunes, by Holme Lee. 8° N. Y., 1864.
12. PARSENS, S. B. The rose; its history, poetry, culture, [ete.] 12° N. Y., 1860.
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14. ——— Life and times of Benjamin Franklin. 2 vols. 12° N. Y., 1864.
15. PEABODY, A. P. Christianity the religion of nature. 12° Bost., 1864.
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32. QUEST. 12° N. Y., 1864.
33. QUINT, A. H. The Potomac and the Rapidan. 12° Bost., 1864.
34. RANDALL, H. S. Fine wool sheep husbandry. 12° N. Y., 1863.
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37. READE, C. Very hard eash; a novel. 8° N. Y., 1864.
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4. RICE, H. Mount Vernon and other poems. 12° N. Y., 1864.
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11. ROUND the block. 12° N. Y., 1864.
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15. RUSSELL, J. R. History and heroes of the art of medicine. 8° Lond., 1864.

16. SABINE, L. Biographical sketches of loyalists of the American revolution. With an historical essay. 2 vols. 8° Bost., 1864.
17. SALA, G. A. Breakfast in bed. 24° N. Y., 1863.
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19. SAUNDERS, J. Martin Pole; a novel. 8° N. Y., 1863.
20. SCOVILLE, J. A. The old merchants of New York city. Second series. By Walter Barrett, Clerk. 12° N. Y., 1863.
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31. SPEKE, J. H. Journal of the discovery of the source of the Nile. 8° N. Y., 1864.
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 25, 1865.



THIRTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1865.

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REPORT

OF THE

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THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM surrender their trust to the Proprietors, with the usual and required account of their doings, and of the condition of the Library. It is only the modest record of the customary work and growth of a year. These always fall within some tolerably regular limits, and allow little variety or novelty in the report. It is the story of a Public Library, with its expenses, its acquisitions, its distributions, and its general administration. It does not go outside of its doors, where the real work of the Library begins, into the actual ministry of its books to taste, to amusement, to knowledge and to culture. It cannot take account of the invisible supply they give to thought, to knowledge, to enjoyment; of the inner and finer life awakened and nourished, and taking stimulus to unknown progress, from the stores of this Institution, of which, for the time, we are trustees and guardians. It must keep itself within the narrow compass of visible changes and growth.

The Board has been organized with its usual officers and committees, and has met at the appointed time each month.

At the first meeting a committee was charged with the duty of raising the permanent fund to twenty thousand dollars, according to the instructions of the Proprietors at their Annual Meeting. The committee have obtained subscriptions which bring it nearly to \$15,000.

July 17, 1865, Mr. Henry T. Cornett resigned the post of Treasurer, on account of his removal from Providence. The Board, highly appreciating his services, were obliged to accept his resignation, and elected Mr. Stephen H. Arnold to take his place. By his report it will appear that—

There has been received,	-	-	-	-	\$4,199 69
There was in the Treasury, September 26, 1864,					1,762 07
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Making the Fund at our disposal	-	-			\$5,961 76

There has been expended for the Library, as follows :

For books,	-	-	-	-	\$1,939 71
For periodicals,	-	-	-	-	370 70
For binding,	-	-	-	-	125 48
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					\$2,435 89
For Salaries,	-	-	-	-	1,820 00
For fuel, lights, insurance, stationery, advertising,					
repairs, care of premises and sundries,					1,018 18
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Total,	-	-	-	-	\$5,274 07

The increase of the Library has been 850 volumes, bringing the whole number to 28,234. Of the additions, 15 were in folio ; 31 in quarto ; 510 in octavo, and 294 in duodecimo and under. Seven hundred and twelve of these were obtained by purchase, 36 by gift, and 102 by binding periodicals, etc. One hundred and one pamphlets have also been

added; 62 by gift, and 39 by purchase. Contributions have been received from the persons and societies named below, which the Directors gratefully acknowledge.

Zachariah Allen,	Committee of the Charitable Baptist
A. D. Bache, U. S. Coast Survey,	Society,
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Henry Waterman,	ciation, of Buffalo,
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American Antiquarian Society,	ciation, of Cincinnati,
American Missionary Association,	Washington Insurance Company, of
American Peace Society,	Providence,
Chicago Historical Society,	Wilmington Institute.
City of Providence,	

Mr. Henry T. Cornett, late Treasurer, has presented to the Athenæum a portrait, in oil, of President Zachary Taylor, painted by C. A. Foster, in 1849. A medallion in plaster,

of Rev. Charles T. Brooks, of Newport, has been received from Miss Eliza B. Lyman, and a plaster bust of William H. Prescott, from Mrs. Moses B. Lockwood. The accumulation of works of art, which is now becoming considerable, is pointing forward to a necessity for larger space for their exhibition, which, before long, the corporation will be obliged to recognize. More and better room, no doubt, would accelerate the accumulation. A gallery of art is only accessory and incidental to the principal function of the Athenæum. But growing up around the Library, by contribution, it would be a great and valuable auxiliary, and might well be provided for in the ever progressive plans of an Institution like this. The Library itself, by natural growth, will soon require more room, and perhaps changes in the present building, and by that time, it is a very reasonable expectation that the collection of objects of art will be sufficiently large to demand a fit place for exhibition.

The increase of the Library has been larger than in any one of the five years past, though it has not reached the average of additions in the five years preceding the war. The increase is to be weighed rather than numbered. Judged by merit, it is a very substantial and valuable addition. The Directors have felt justified, and almost obliged, to resume their drafts upon the English book-market, and have accordingly ordered a large number of foreign works, most of which have been imported free of duty, and at very reasonable rates. For while a larger sum has been paid for the increase of the Library than in any previous year, it is to be remembered that three or four years have brought about a great change in the American book-market. Books are no longer to be bought at the old rates. Rapid wealth in new hands has created a new class of buyers, who, with the taste or the ambition for a rare and elegant collection

of books, are in a hurry to indulge it, and careless of cost. Booksellers can ask what price they choose for certain books which have a reputation, and many of the choicest works on our shelves could not be bought now for two or three times their cost. The purchases of the past year, considering the quality of the books, the rates of exchange, and the advance of prices, are, in the judgment of the Directors, very satisfactory. The average cost of the books bought in England was \$3.00 a volume.

While the growth of the Library has been arrested by temporary causes, during the years of our civil trouble, it is certainly the true policy to provide for its steady, permanent enlargement. It is not enough to make good deterioration and waste; or to keep up with the fresh issues of the press. Much of this is ephemeral, is soon unsought, and becomes waste paper on your shelves. Enrichment is the true enlargement. Every year should add to the solid, durable value of the Library, in books which are worth as much, which will be read as fondly, which will flow with as perennial benefit in the next generation as now. This is economy and future life and power to the Institution. Increase of capital is increase of business. New stockholders will come as the stock rises. And while it is possible, perhaps desirable, by other methods, to increase the number of Proprietors, there is none to take the place of this surest of all,—the annual enrichment of the Library.

There has been an advance of circulation over last year of fifteen hundred volumes, with no material change in its character. This indicates more reading, as the number of shares has not multiplied in proportion. There are 598 shares, being four more than last year, of which 554 have been used.

There have been delivered, 19,977 volumes. Of these, the greatest number was given out in March, viz: 2,045. The greatest number taken in one day was 179, November 5th, 1864.

Of the issues, there were

In Fiction, - - - - -	10,636
Biography and History, - -	2,971
Poetry and Belles Lettres, - -	1,971
Periodicals, - - - -	986
Miscellaneous Literature, - -	955
Religion and Philosophy, - -	910
Voyages and Travels, - - -	824
Science and Art, - - - -	724

Fifteen volumes are missing from the shelves, all of them of little value.

Here, our report properly closes. It closes with the fact which justifies the existence and the cost of the Athenæum, suggesting the great uses it serves in our social economy. In the course of a twelvemonth it distributes into life here, whatever influences, inspirations, joys, whatever light and truth, whatever virtue and health and culture, whatever of fact or fancy, of the wisdom of the wise, of the knowledge of the learned, of the poet's lofty lore, can be carried in twenty thousand books. They may be read wisely, or unwisely; for dissipation, or for improvement. That the draught of fiction is so immense, and out of just proportion, has been very fully discussed in previous reports. That is quite beyond our regulation, except as we limit and sift the supply. But after all exceptions are allowed, there still remains the great and salutary function of a Public Library, in the education and better life of our people. Let a wise and pure guardianship secure the character of the supplies it

sends out, and it becomes the minister of unknown benefit. It multiplies enjoyment; it magnifies mind; it redeems time from waste, and disenchants coarse pleasures; it kindles and supplies new flames in young breasts; it helps the Teacher and the Minister; it joins with the school and the church, with all education and all law and all religion, to elevate, to illuminate, to purify our civilization.

WM. S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury September 26, 1864.....\$1,762 07

RECEIPTS.

For 4 Shares sold at \$15.....	\$ 60 00	
Tax assessed Sept. 26, 1864, collected on 587 shares.....	2,935 00	
“ “ “ 28, 1863, “ “ 1 share.....	5 00	
For six shares sold at auction for taxes—nett amount.....	39 75	
Dividends and Interest on invested Funds, including premium on Coin.....	1,083 47	
Interest allowed by Manufacturers National Bank on deposit of \$1400, from October 1st, 1864, to July 26th, 1865.....	46 67	
Fines collected.....	29 80	
		4,199 69
		<u>\$5,961 76</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$1,939 71	
For periodicals.....	370 70	
For binding books, &c.....	125 48	
For salaries.....	1,820 00	
For fuel.....	205 50	
For gas.....	78 84	
For insurance.....	65 24	
For collecting assessments.....	113 80	
For blank books, forms and stationery.....	25 57	
For express, postage and stamps.....	22 52	
For advertising and printing.....	129 29	
For repairs.....	300 94	
For furniture.....	12 32	
For sundries.....	64 16	
		\$5,274 07
Balance on hand this day, deposited in the Manufacturers Na- tional Bank.....	687 69	
		<u>\$5,961 76</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—
 74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par
 value,.....\$1,850 00
 63 shares stock in the American National Bank, par value.....3,150 00
 3 United States Bonds, par value.....6,500 00
\$11,500 00

The number of shares issued September 26th, 1864, was.....594
 The number issued the past year is.....4

Making a total of.....598

Tax assessed September 28th, 1863, was remitted on one share.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1865.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 25, 1865.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Eliza O.	598	Arnold Welcome	142
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Austin Samuel	2
Adie Alexander F.	517		
Akerman Charles	350		
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Bailey William M.	165
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Baker George	226
Allen Charles B.	50	Balch John R.	339
Allen Crawford	6	Balch Joseph	205
Allen Philip	9	Balch Joseph P.	419
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Allen Zachariah	8	Barker Frederic A.	520
Ames Samuel	171	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares,	97, 369
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Barstow John*	310
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Bartlett John R.	279
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Angell Edwin G.	133	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Angell James B.	184	Beckwith Truman	19
Angell John W.	287	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Henry	44	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
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R E P O R T .

THE ATHENÆUM, in its present organization, has now been in existence upwards of thirty years. It has shed its influences over an entire generation, and from humble beginnings it has grown up to a conspicuous place among the most useful and cherished institutions of the community. Its objects and its administration are now fully understood, and its ennobling agencies are very widely appreciated. Founded in a wise and generous charity, and ministering only to the intellectual and spiritual wants of men, its progressive life goes noiselessly on, from year to year, without events that awaken excitement, and without changes that provoke discussion. Its proprietors, as they have gathered at so many annual meetings, have had their attention repeatedly directed to nearly every question relating to its prosperity, so that there now remains but little for its Directors to do, in preparing their annual report, save to gather the statistics of the closing year, and to give back the trust which was committed to them, into the hands of those from whom it was received. In doing this, we must not forget that the statistics we present are but rude and imperfect exponents of those unrecorded agencies which it is the office and aim of an institution like this to set in operation among the thoughts

of men,—agencies which, though they cannot always be immediately traced, are yet sure to show themselves at length in the more elevated character of the citizen and the improved tone of the community. The real usefulness of a public library, like that of an institution of education, is not to be measured merely by the extent of its catalogue. It is rather to be estimated by the kind of culture it imparts, and the type of character it forms among those who come within the sphere of its influence.

Within the limits to which their report is thus restricted, the Directors take great pleasure in being able to state, that the year which now closes has been one of unusual prosperity in all the interests of the Athenæum. Never has its condition been more satisfactory; and, it may be added, never has a participation in its benefits been so desirable as at the present time.

At the first regular meeting of the Board after the annual election, the officers of the year were chosen and the customary committees were appointed. The following gentlemen were also reëlected to the places in the Library which, for several years, they have so worthily filled, viz.:

J. Dunham Hedge, Librarian.

Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian.

At the same meeting, a letter was received from George L. Collins, declining the post of Director, to which he had been elected, and Robinson P. Dunn was chosen to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

From the annual statement of the Librarian, it appears that the additions made to the library, during the year, amount to 801 volumes and 103 pamphlets. Of the volumes, 617 were obtained by purchase; 59, by donation, and 125

by the binding of periodicals. They may be classified as follows: 23 folios; 31 quartos; 438 octavos, and 309 duodecimos and smaller. Of the pamphlets, 41 were obtained by purchase and 62 by donation. The number of volumes in the library, at the presentation of the last Annual Report, was 28,234. The number, at the present time, is 29,035. As had been done in the year preceding, the Directors appropriated a portion of the available funds of the year for the purchase of a list of desirable books in the London market, in both instances taking advantage of a visit abroad, for business purposes, made by Mr. Sidney S. Rider, of this city, by whom the order was satisfactorily executed. Many of these books are more than usually expensive, and the average cost per volume of the whole number purchased, during the year, amounts to \$2.25.

The five following periodicals have also been added to those already upon the tables of the reading-room:

The Contemporary Review, London, published monthly.

MacMillan's Magazine, London, published monthly.

The Argosy, London, published monthly.

The Philadelphia Photographer, Philadelphia, published monthly.

The Nation, New York, published weekly.

Donations of volumes and pamphlets have been received from the following persons and institutions, whose names the Directors take pleasure in recording in their report:

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The extent to which the library has been used, as a library of circulation, during the year, will appear from the following figures ; no record having been kept of the number of persons who have visited it for reading its periodicals or consulting its books.

Total number of books given out,	-	-	19,561
Works of Fiction, -	-	-	10,455
Biography and History, -	-	-	3,007
Poetry and Belles Lettres, -	-	-	1,603
Religion and Philosophy, -	-	-	1,087
Periodicals, -	-	-	905
Miscellaneous Literature, -	-	-	903
Voyages and Travels, -	-	-	841
Science and Art, -	-	-	760

The greatest number, in any month, was given out
in March, being - - - - - 2,105

The greatest number, in any single day, was given
out March 10, being - - - - - 171

The whole number of shares used, - - - 554

The whole number of shares at the beginning of
the year, - - - - - 598

Seven new shares have been sold during the year, making the present number of shares 605. The price of shares in the Athenæum has not been changed in thirty years, though their value has been increased by many hundred *per cent*. They may be issued without limitation as to their number, and when we reflect that their original cost is but fifteen dollars, subject to an annual tax not exceeding five dollars, we may well wonder that they are not found in every family in which intellectual culture is appreciated, or the practice of reading is a domestic institution. There is no other mode in which access to so much knowledge and to such varied resources of intellectual gratification and improvement can be obtained at so cheap a rate. Indeed, there is no correspondence between the benefit which is secured and the price which is paid for it. The one is very great and enduring; the other is, relatively, very insignificant. How many pay vastly more for that which yields no return either of intellectual or even material good!

The library has been thoroughly examined by members of the Board, and the books generally are found to be in good condition. They regret to be obliged to report that thirty volumes are missing from their places on the shelves, without being charged in the journal of the Librarian. Some of these will probably be found, but others have undoubt-

edly been wantonly purloined. It is true, they are not books of much value, but it is not pleasant to think that any of the property of the Athenæum, however unimportant, has been subject to depredation.

From the Report of the Treasurer, it will appear that the receipts and expenditures, for the year, are as follows:

There has been received—

From seven new shares sold,	-	\$105 00
From assessment on 596 shares,		2,980 00
From invested funds,	- - -	1,422 03
From fines collected, books sold and shares sold for taxes,	- -	76 87
Balance of last year's account,	-	687 69
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		\$5,271 59

There has been expended, on account of the library, as follows:

For books,	- - - -	\$1,388 83
For periodicals,	- - -	370 78
For binding,	- - - -	183 71
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		\$1,943 32

The other expenditures are—

For salaries,	- - - -	\$1,920 00
For repairs,	- - - -	135 19
For fuel, gas, insurance, stationery, care of premises and sundries,	-	725 96
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Total of expenditures,	- - -	\$4,724 47

At the regular monthly meeting in March last, the

Directors received the following communication, through their President, to whom it was officially addressed :

PROVIDENCE, March 5, 1866.

WILLIAM S. PATTEN, Esq., President of the Providence Athenæum:—

Dear Sir,—The late Capt. Thomas Poynton Ives, of Warwick, bequeathed by his last will, unto the Providence Athenæum, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid by his Executors within two years after his decease, and free from stamp or other government tax or duty.

We beg that you will acquaint the Board of Directors and the Corporation with this evidence of the interest which was felt by the testator in the permanent welfare of the Athenæum—an interest which he inherited from his honored father, and which was strengthened by his own appreciation of the high objects of such an institution, and of its value to the community in which it is established.

We shall be prepared to pay this legacy to the Treasurer, or to any other officer to be designated by the Board of Directors, on the 31st day of this month.

We are, Dear Sir, your obedient servants,

W. GODDARD,

MOSES B. I. GODDARD,

Executors of the last will of Thomas Poynton Ives, of Warwick.

Upon the receipt of this communication, the Treasurer was authorized to receive from the Executors, in behalf of the Athenæum, the bequest, when it should become payable, and the President and Rev. Dr. Caldwell were appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the sentiments with which the Directors learned that so large an accession had been made to the resources of the institution, by the will of one of their fellow-citizens who had been cut off in the prime of his manhood. The payment was promptly made at the time specified, and the amount was invested under the direction of the Board, in the Registered six-per-cent Bonds of the United States of 1881.

At the meeting held April 2d, the following resolution,

presented by the committee appointed for the purpose, was unanimously adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the Directors of the Providence Athenæum cannot receive the bequest of the late Thomas Poynton Ives without placing upon their Records, and communicating to his Executors and his family, their grateful appreciation of his regard for this Institution, and the noble service he has done for it in this timely and generous donation; and with this, also, the sincere sorrow with which they mourn the decease of one of the sons of Providence, whose high and upright character and ability for great usefulness, whose patriotic service and public spirit gave promise of a career most honorable to himself and his family, and of great public advantage, which has now come to a premature close.

Captain Ives died at Havre, France, November 17, 1865, in the thirty-second year of his age. His will was executed in the preceding April, just as he was about to leave the United States, in the hope of regaining, by foreign travel, the health he had lost in protracted military and naval service during the civil war. He was already identified, not only with the commercial interests, but with the public charities of this community, and for their promotion he had been a liberal contributor. He had also freely given the strength of his early manhood, and, as the event has sadly proved, the treasured energies of his life to the service of his country in her days of trial; but such was his conception of the true uses of wealth and of the duties of a citizen, that he did not think of leaving the world without making munificent provision for several of the philanthropic institutions of his native city and State. To the Rhode Island Hospital, whose origin is to be traced to the large forethought of his father, he bequeathed \$50,000; to the Providence Athenæum, with whose founding his family name is also honorably identified, \$10,000, and to the Providence Dispensary, \$5,000,—thus

leaving to his own and to other times an example of munificence rarely equalled in a career brought to so early a close.

The permanent fund of the Institution was stated, in the last Annual Report, to be \$11,500. At the annual meeting of the corporation in 1864, it was voted: that it is expedient to raise, by subscription, the permanent fund to twenty thousand dollars.

It was also voted: that the Board of Directors be instructed to adopt measures to carry this resolution into effect.

A committee was immediately appointed for this purpose, and by their agency the fund has been raised to somewhat upwards of \$15,000, and it is confidently hoped that they will be able to obtain the additional sum required to increase it to \$20,000. When this is accomplished, the permanent fund of the Athenæum, with the bequest of \$10,000 super-added, will amount to \$30,000.

The Athenæum has, from the beginning, made a steady progress which has proved to be more rapid than was anticipated by its founders and early friends. It has, for several years, occupied the whole of the building of which only a part was at first thought to be sufficient for its accommodation. It has gradually rid itself of incumbrances which might have interfered with its prosperity. Its alcoves are no longer frequented by the frivolous, nor is its quiet disturbed by conversation, or its books often defaced by carelessness or wanton injury. Its halls have been adorned with works of art, the gifts of liberal and thoughtful friends, and its reading-room has been made attractive by the varied periodical literature of the time. And more than all, a per-

manent fund, for its ever-growing usefulness, has been established by the contributions of its benefactors,—both the honored living and the lamented dead. At this advanced stage of its progress, and with its present enlarged means, the annual increase of the library is likely to be greater than it has hitherto been.

In anticipation of a fact like this, it has become important that further provision be speedily made for the reception and judicious arrangement of the books. Indeed, the want of shelf-room is even now a source of embarrassment in the administration of the library. The Librarian, in his annual statement to the Directors, invites their special attention to the subject. He says, that “works in the different departments of literature have heretofore been, and should still be, kept together; but the space allotted to many departments is full, and now works on the same subject and, in some cases, different volumes of the same work have to be placed at a distance from one another, to the great inconvenience of those wishing to consult them. The evil has been, as far as possible, remedied by the removal of volumes from one part of the library to another, wherever a vacant space could be found; but this necessitates the continual alteration of shelf catalogues and finding catalogues, which is attended with many inconveniences. This evil may be alleviated, for a year or two, by the erection of temporary shelves; but the time is near at hand when some radical change must be effected in the present building, or a new one erected better adapted to the wants of the Athenæum.”

The embarrassment thus adverted to by the Librarian is undoubtedly a real one, and it must continue to be felt in the administration of the library more and more through every month until it is removed. A glance at the interior

arrangements of the building is sufficient to show that they very imperfectly develop its real capacities. One third at least of its available space for the reception of books yet remains to be used without any change in its dimensions. Its present alcoves and shelves and the present mode of lighting its rooms, were all prepared in the earliest infancy of the institution, when, as has been already intimated, its ultimate destinies were but imperfectly apprehended. Thirty years have also wrought great changes in the architectural structure and internal economy of library buildings, and it is not surprising that what was at first appropriate, should now prove to be wholly inadequate to its fuller growth and become even a very uneconomical disposition of the space designed for the reception of books. This obvious want has been alluded to in former Reports, but no plan for meeting it has been matured or even deliberately considered by any of the successive Boards of Directors. It will undoubtedly first of all require the action of the proprietors, as by them alone can the requisite outlay be sanctioned and the responsibility of so considerable a change be assumed. The matter, however, cannot be long delayed and the time which will be occupied in determining what change shall be made and then in carrying that change into execution, should admonish the proprietors of the desirableness of some speedy action upon a question of so great importance and of such pressing necessity.

We have thus recited the events of the year and indicated to the proprietors what our experience has proved to be the most immediate wants of the Athenæum. It becomes us all to anticipate only a great future for the library. The expense which it involves is so slight that it

is substantially free to all who really desire to use it. In a community in which knowledge is becoming more and more important to the life of the people, it is certain that the only public library must soon have something more to do than to circulate books so largely for mere entertainment. It must maintain a paramount and intimate connection with all our highest interests and occupations. The day cannot be distant when it will be expected to be a depository of every kind of knowledge—a place where any investigation may be pursued and any enquiry may be answered. Thus far, like most of our American libraries, it has been a library for circulation only. It must, however, sooner or later come to be a library for consultation also. In many of the cities of Europe, this is the principal and often the exclusive use that is made of the great collections of books. Nor is this use limited to scholars and men of science. In many of these famous depositories of all that has been printed respecting every art and every science, one may see almost any day, the humblest and the highest pursuing their enquiries side by side. Indeed, unless a library be thus used, a large proportion of its books are never called for at all, and the mass of those who might be benefitted by it remain comparatively ignorant of its real treasures. Several of our larger American libraries are now beginning to be considerably frequented for consultation and reading. The number of volumes thus used in the Boston Public Library in the year 1865, amounted to 13,095, exclusive of the periodicals on the tables of the Reading room. This practice will undoubtedly become more common in all our libraries as they gather into their alcoves works in science, literature and art, specially designed to be consulted and studied in the place where they are kept. The

Athenæum, with its increasing resources of usefulness, must invite every real improvement. Alike in the books which it purchases and in the accommodations which it affords for using them, it must constantly have for its aim the true education of the community, the gathering here of all that men may desire to know, both for the wise conduct of individual life and for promoting the well-being of society.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATTEN,

President.

September 24, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury September 25, 1865.....\$687 69

RECEIPTS.

For 7 shares sold at \$15..	\$ 105 00
Tax assessed Sept. 25, 1865, collected on 596 shares.....	2,980 00
For three shares sold for taxes, nett amount.....	19 75
Dividends and Interest on invested Funds, including premium on coin.....	1,422 03
For books sold	8 69
For Fines collected.....	48 43
	<u>4,583 90</u>
For Bequest by Will of Capt. Thomas Poynton Ives.....	10,000 00

\$15,271 59

EXPENDITURES.

For books	\$1,388 83
For periodicals	370 78
For binding books, &c.....	183 71
For salaries.....	1,920 00
For fuel.....	211 00
For gas	65 86
For insurance	56 00
For collecting assessments	113 80
For blank books, forms and stationery.....	54 80
For express, postage and stamps	28 89
For advertising and printing	140 96
For repairs.....	135 19
For investment \$10,000 in U. S. Bonds, at 105 15-32 per cent....	10,546 88
For sundries	54 65

\$15,271 35

Balance in treasury this day..... 24

\$15,271 59

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—

74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	\$1,850 00
63 shares stock in the American National Bank, par value.....	3,150 00
4 United States Bonds, par value	16,500 00

Making a permanent fund of.....\$21,500 00

The number of shares insured September 25, 1865, was.....598

The number issued the past year is..... 7

Making in all605

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, September 24, 1866.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1866.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Eliza O.	598	Bailey William M.	165
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Adams Seth Jr.*	14	Balch John R.	339
Adie Alexander F.	517	Balch Joseph	205
Akerman Charles	350	Balch Joseph P.	419
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Allen Charles B.	50	Barker Frederic A.	520
Allen Crawford	6	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares,	97, 369
Allen Philip*	9	Barstow John*	310
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Zachariah	8	Barton T. A.	229
Ames Samuel*	171	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Beckwith Truman	19
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Angell Edwin G.	133	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Angell James B.	184	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Angell John W.	287	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Anthony Henry	44	Binney William	558
Anthony Henry B.	414	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Blake Joseph M.	580
Aplin Charles	453	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Appleton John H.	120	Blodget William P.	387
Armington Asa W.	289	Boon Charles E.	267
Armington James H.	331	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Armington Mathew W.	83	Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Arnold Charles	106	Bowen Henry	198
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bowen Henry L*	312
Arnold George C.	103	Bowen Tully D.	130
Arnold John N.	223	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Richard J.	40	Bradford S. S.	65
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484
Arnold Welcome	142	Brown Edward W.	532
Ashley Lucius C	162	Brown Henry T.	510
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Isaac	245

*Deceased.

Brown John Carter	77	Clifford Marian*	47
Brown Joseph R.	480	Coggeshall James H.	450
Brown Moses*	1	Collins George L.	526
Brown Nicholas*	547	Collins James C.	460
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Congdon George W.	257
Brown Thomas	212	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown William*	324	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown William Waterman	219	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Brown William Whipple	466	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cook Joseph J.	565
Browne George H.	585	Cooke Edward	570
Brownell Francis S.	160	Corliss George H.	360
Bueklin James C.	373	Cornett Henry T.	564
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Bueklin Thomas P.	601	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Buel Rufus F.*	573	Cowing Ward, children	391
Buffum Benjamin	52	Cranston Henry C.	548
Bullock Julia	502	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Cross James M.	561
Bullock William P.*	144	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Burges Walter S.	78		
Burgess Frederick	76	Daggett John	455
Burrington William B.	109	Daily Charlotte F.	209
Burrough Joseph	388	Danielson George W.	152
Burrough Martha H.	367	Darling Levi B.	572
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dart William H.*	128
Bush Patience M.	206	Davenport Samuel C.	470
Bush Richard W.	91	Davis John W.	217
Butler Cyrus*	7	Davis Thomas	173
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Day Daniel	53
Butts Frank	397	Day Israel H.	203
Butts George W.	597	Dearth William G.	117
		DeMunn Sarah	447
Cady Shubal H.	536	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Calder Albert L.	274	DeWitt Henry A.	469
Calder Samuel C.	579	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Dexter Samuel*	95
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Carpenter Thomas	592	Dike Arba B.	483
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Dorr Sullivan	380
Carpenter Tisdale	239	Dorrance Amy G.	416
Caswell Alexis	270	Dorrance James R.	395
Central Captist Society	307	Dorrance Tully	244
Central Congregational Society	49	Dorrance William T.	92
Chace Alexander B.	42	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Chace Elizabeth (Valleys Falls)	149	Drown William H.	338
Chace George I.	224	Duncan Alexander	12
Chace Lewis J.	527	Duncan David	261
Chace William M.*	176	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Chaffee Mary E.	555	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chaffin Lucian G.	464	Dunnell Mary	235
Channing William F.	105	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chapin Amory*	94	Dunwell James P.	412
Chapin George W.	337	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chapin John F.	596	Dyer Benjamin*	131
Chapin Joshua B.	423	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Dyer John	21
Child Lewis P.	345	Dyer John F.	259
Childs Charles H.*	208	Dyer Mary A.	302
Childs Charles T.	578		
Clafflin George L.	482	Eames Jane A.	487
Clark Thomas M.	411	Eames Laura C.	107
Clarke Benjamin F.	403	Earle Amey Ann	370
Clarke James M.	501	Earle Wilham	474
Clarke John H.	13	Eddy John H.	311
Cleveland Almira A.	329	Ely James W. C.	515

Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Harris David S.	112
Farnum Alexander	228	Harris Joseph M.	80
Field Daniel	26	Harris Samuel B.	133
Field William	15	Harris Stephen*	221
First Baptist Church	405	Harris Thomas	353
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hart Charles	553
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hartley George S.*	448
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Hartshorn Charles P.	38
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Fletcher Joseph	368	Hartshorn Isaac	191
Fletcher Thomas	300	Hawes Amos B.	207
Fluhrer William F.	582	Hayes Wingate	93
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hayward Thomas W.	563
Foster Samuel	576	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hazard George P.	529
Francis John N.	590	Heap James	439
French William S.	318	Hedge Frederic H. Jr.	238
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hidden Henry A.	137
Fuller Frederick	560	Hill Hiram	163
		Hill Paris	134
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hill Thomas J.	363
Gammell William	286	Hilton William D.	114
Gardner Malachi R.	193	Hodges Isaac A.	468
Chirardini Maria L.	431	Holmes C. D.	28
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hoppin Carrington	599
Glezen Eben K.	407	Hoppin George H.	430
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Hoppin William W.	283
Goff Amey S.	499	Hoskins James B.	294
Goodwin Daniel	315	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gorham Jabez	45	Howard Henry	354
Gorham John	427	Howard William A.	75
Gorton Charles	355	Howland John A.	192
Greene Albert C. cashier	492	Hoyt David W.	581
Greene Albert G.	332	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Hudson Samuel*	241
Greene Benjamin	136	Humphrey Walker*	475
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Greene Richard W.	73	Hunt George	364
Greene Rufus	444	Hutchins Shubael	123
Greene Sarah A.	290	Hutchins Sterns	175
Greene Warren A.	535		
Greene Welcome A.	358	Ives Hope*	404
Greene William Albert*	187	Ives Robert H.	4
Greene William Albert*	164		
Greene William H.	543	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene William R.	167	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Gross Thomas J. A.	374	Jastram George B.	381
Grosvenor William	108	Jastram Henry M.	141
Grout Abby R.	29	Jastram Pardon S.	204
		Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Haines William S.	102	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Hale Isaac	382	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Hall Edward B.*	263	Jenkins William*	5
Hall George R. (Bristol)	284	Jilson Charles D.	461
Hall George W.	496	Johnson William S.	329
Hall J. Clifton	559	Jollie Edward	86
Hallett George W.	37	Jones Albert J.	82
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Jones Edward S.	512
Ham Charles H.	605	Jones John D.	472
Ham James S.*	341	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471		
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hamlin William E.	178	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Harkness Albert	357	Kelly Wilber*	125
Harkness Thomas	33	Kendall Henry L.	88
Harris Avis L.	457	Kendall Oliver	505

Kilton Charles H.	172	Moulton & Ingraham	506
Kilton John B.	148	Mowry Martha H.	104
Kimball Eliza G.	550	Mowry William G. R.	10
King George M. P.	593	Murray Robert Jr.	524
King William J.	571		
Kingsbury Jolin	214	Newcomb Rhoda*	362
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Knight Henry P.	233	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Knowles Edward P.	488	Nightingale George C.	113
Knowles John P.	71	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Knowles Joseph	268	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
		Noyes George C.	295
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Larchar John*	39		
Larned Samuel*	306	Okie A. Howard	586
Lathrop Henry E.	562	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Leach Daniel, 2 shares	252, 515	Olney Stephen T.	186
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Lincoln John L.	119	Ormsbee John S.	347
Lippitt Christopher	150	Osborn William	340
Lippitt Francis J.	604	Owen Ezekiel	54
Lippitt Henry	68	Owen George	401
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Owen Smith	389
Lockwood Moses B.	351		
Lonsdale John H.	602	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lyman Henry B.	67	Padelford Seth	111
Lyman John W.	126	Paine Amasa*	115
Lyon Mary W.	549	Paine Daniel*	328
		Palmer John B.	500
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Parkhurst William H.	155
Manton Amasa	24	Parsons Charles W.	35
Manton Robert	409	Parsons Usher	375
Manton Walter	410	Patten William S.	237
Martin Joseph	456	Payne Abraham	497
Mason Charles F.	266	Payton Eliza J.	264
Mason Earl P.	258	Pearce Edward	185
Mason George	81	Pearce Edward D.	321
Mason Henry W.	285	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mason Israel B.	200	Pearson Luther	23
Mason John N.	222	Peck Allen O.	211
Mason Owen	216	Peck George B.	376
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mauran Abby	62	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mauran Joseph	243	Peirce Fenelon A.	523
Mauran Suchet	132	Perry Amos	458
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Phillips Thomas	378
Mead Marshal B.	508	Pierce Asa	218
Merrill William S.	314	Pierce William G.	422
Merriman Charles H.	537	Pitman Henry	197
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Pitman John*	63
Metcalf Edwin	254	Pitman Joseph S.	424
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pond Charles G.	225
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Potter Charles*	55
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Miles Amanda	118	Potter William H.	139
Miller Charles T.	443	Power Street Meth. Epis. Church	361
Miller Frederick	518	Pratt Peter*	17
Miller Lewis L.	146	Pratt William H.	495
Mitchel John A.	603		
Mitchell Thomas L.	452	Randolph John R.	521
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Rathbone George S.	210

Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Sutton Edward	335
Rawson Henry M.	344	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Ray Isaac	435	Sweet Joseph	276
Read Francis	434		
Read James H. 2 shares	81, 432	Taft Cyrus	161
Reynolds James	3	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Reynolds John*	320	Taft Orray*	59
Reynolds William H.	415	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes James T.	232	Tallman William*	372
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Taylor Daniel A. 2 shares	511, 534
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Taylor John H.	87
Rice Howard M.	479	Temple William	436
Richardson Henry	231	Tetlow Asenath	600
Richmond Frank E.	157	Thayer Euclid C.	386
Richmond George M.	46	Thomas George B.	501
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thomas Hanson H.	442
Richmond Street Cong. Society	494	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Rickard R. R.	43	Thurber Edmund	509
Rivers Mary	531	Thurber Lucy	281
Robinson Charles P.	459	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Robinson William A.	489	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Rodman William M.	196	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Horatio	400	Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Albert H.	177
Russell Hope B. Ives	3	Tingley Edmund W.	124
		Tingley Henry	297
Sabin Charles	201	Tobey John F.	462
Sacket Adnah*	317	Tobey Samuel Boyd	66
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tompkins John A.	454
Salisbury Levi	575	Torrey Moses E.	384
Salisbury Samuel S.*	425	Townsend William C.	122
Shaw Allen	251	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shaw Emma Graves	377	Truman Nathan	248
Shaw John M.	154	Turner John	327
Shaw Mary A.	587	Tyler Solomon	64
Shearman Sylvester G.	308		
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Updike Walter W.*	478
Sheldon Nicholas	188	Utley Leander*	242
Shepard Thomas P.	385		
Simmons James F.* (Johnston)	13	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Simmons James S.	291	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Simons Aaron	325		
Slater John 2d*	11	Walcott Edward	48
Slocum Jonathan L.	463	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Smith Amos D.	101	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Smith Charles M.	449	Warner James M.*	138
Smith James Y.	504	Waterman Emily	180
Smith John W.	215	Waterman Henry*	278
Smith S. Sterry*	90	Waterman Resolved	41
Snow Amos W.	151	Waterman Rufus	277
Snow Charles A.	127	Waterman William H.	240
Snow Walter B.*	467	Watson Mathew*	27
Snow William C.	275	Wayland Francis*	236
Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Sprague Amasa*	293	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394
Stafford Robert R.	100	Weeden William B.	522
Staples William R.	181	Weeden William G.	246
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Wheaton Samuel B.*	440
Stead Thomas J.*	249	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Steere Jonah	420	Wheeler Charles H.	18
Steere Thomas E.	16	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Stillwell Samuel S.	170	Whitaker Henry C.	121
Stimpson John J.*	194	Whitaker Josiah	383
Stone Alfred	417	Whitaker William	60
Sumner Increase	413	Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199

Wilbour Joshua	512	Witherell Alice R.	147
Wild Rebecca	398	Woodbury Augustus	557
Williams William G.	298	Woods Marshal, 3 shares	145, 359, 490

588 owners of one share each, - - - - -	588
7 " two shares each, - - - - -	14
1 " three shares, - - - - -	3
<hr/> 596	<hr/> 605

LIST OF BOOKS

ADDED TO THE LIBRARY OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

DURING THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1865—AUGUST 31, 1866.

1. ABBOT, A. O. Prison life in the South, 1864-'65. 12 N. Y., 1865.
2. ADAMS, Rev. H. C. Sundays at Encombe ; or tales for Sunday reading. 16° Lond., 1866.
3. ADAMS, W. T., (*Oliver Optic*.) The brave old salt. 12° Bost., 1866.
4. ——— Fighting Joe. 16° Bost., 1866.
5. ——— The sailor boy ; or, Jack Somers in the navy. 16° Bost., 1865.
6. ——— The Yankee midddy ; a sequel to "The sailor boy." 16° Bost., 1865.
7. ÆNONE, a tale of slave life in Rome. 12° N. Y., 1866.
8. AGASSIZ, E. C. and A. Seaside studies in natural history. 8° Bost., 1865.
9. AGASSIZ, L. Geological sketches. 16° Bost., 1866.
10. ——— The structure of animal life. 8° N. Y., 1866.
11. AINSWORTH, W. H. Constable de Bourbon. 2 vols. 16° Leipzig, 1866.
12. ALFORD, H., *Dean of Canterbury*. How to study the New Testament. 16° Lond., 1865.
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A twelvemonth has passed since the Directors of the Providence Athenæum presented their last Annual Report to the shareholders, and it again becomes their duty to render an account of the general concerns of the Institution confided to their care.

And it is fitting, first of all, that mention should be made of the great loss which the Board has so recently suffered in the removal of one of its members by death. Twice before in the history of the Athenæum, earnest laborers in its behalf have been summoned away, and once again one has been taken whose time and thoughts were cheerfully devoted to its welfare, one who had its best interests deeply at heart. On the 28th day of August last, Professor Robinson P. Dunn died, after a short illness, at his father's house in Newport, while on a visit at the close of the summer vacation. By his decease a place in the Board has become vacant that cannot be filled, and the community has suffered a loss that cannot be measured.

At the meeting of the Board on Sept 2d the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the sudden and lamented death of Professor Robinson P. Dunn, this Board has lost one of its ablest and most useful members—one whose thorough literary culture and whose extensive knowledge of books gave rare value to his opinions, and made his decision in almost any case a safe rule of action.

Resolved, That in this afflictive dispensation, an eminent christian scholar, an accomplished teacher, and an ever instructive friend and companion of graceful and winning manners has been taken from us; but we find consolation in this, that the light of his fervent piety, and his true devotion to every good word and work will long shine upon us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the bereaved family.

At the first regular meeting of the Directors after the adjourned Annual Meeting of proprietors, William S. Patten was re-elected President, and Alexis Caswell, Vice-President, for the ensuing year, and the organization of the Board was completed by the appointment of the usual Standing Committees. Our former officers, J. Dunham Hedge, Librarian, and Frederick H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian, were also re-elected at the respective salaries of fourteen hundred and seven hundred dollars per annum, to the same positions in the Library which they have long filled so much to the satisfaction of all who require their services.

It will be seen, according to the annual statement of the Librarian, that 972 volumes, and 108 pamphlets have been added to the Library during the past year. Of the volumes, 703 were obtained by purchase, 145 by donation, and 124 by the binding of periodicals. By classification, 25 of the volumes added are folios, 55 quartos, 533 octavos, and 359 duodecimos and smaller. Forty-seven of the pamphlets were obtained by purchase, and 61 by donation. By the showing of the last Annual Report, the whole number of volumes belonging to the Library was

Library was	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,035
Added this year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	972
Present number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>30,007</u>

But very few books have been imported to order this year, the most important of which is the Glossarium of Du Cange, in seven volumes, quarto, Paris 1840-1850, at a cost of \$69.90.

Under the prevailing high rates of exchange, it has been considered expedient to purchase most of the books added at home, and to rely on American reprints for such English works as were considered desirable. Advantage has also been taken of the sale of some valuable libraries in Boston, to secure important standard works which were needed on the shelves. The average cost is \$1.90 per volume of the whole number of books purchased, which is 35cents per volume below the cost of last year.

The four following named periodicals have been added to the large number heretofore on our list :

The Baptist Quarterly, Philadelphia, 8vo, published quarterly.

The Journal of Speculative Philosophy, St. Louis, 8vo, published quarterly.

The Riverside Magazine, New York, 8vo published monthly.

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Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia,	Wilmington Institute.

The number of works presented is somewhat larger than usual, and among them is a valuable illustrated work on Architecture—"L'Architecture privée au XIX Siècle sous Napoleon III.," par César Daly, in three volumes folio, the gift of Crawford Allen, Esq. To our Representative in Congress, Hon. Thomas A. Jenckes, we are also indebted for valuable Congressional Documents. It is impossible to leave unrecorded in this connection, our especial obligation for the large and frequent donations of choice books which our excellent Librarian, J. Dunham Hedge, Esq., takes pleasure in bestowing on the Athenæum from the shelves of his own private library. Some of the best additions of the year are among his recent gifts.

Our small but not unimportant collection of works of art has been enriched by the addition of a large photograph, framed and glazed, of Guido Reni's celebrated fresco painting in the Palazzo Rospigliosi, at Rome, the gift of Mrs. George Richmond.

There has been an increase in the circulation over last year, of 848 volumes, and it is to be regretted that they indicate so large an increase in the demand for works in the lighter department of literature, which seems to foster the taste it gratifies, and never to cease its fascinations. How much of the feverish craving for excitement, and instability of character, that are such alarming features of the present time, may be directly traceable to the prevailing taste in reading, is an interesting question, though scarcely in place in a business document ; but the pernicious influence of books whose worst tendency is only to dissipate thought can hardly be ignored, and the importance of encouraging tastes which find their gratification in higher sources, cannot fail to be recognized. Changes in politics, the drift of public sentiment, strong social and moral tendencies have been closely reflected in our circulation, and the marked increase in the distribution of books of travel is not surprising when we consider how many who frequent these alcoves are going abroad, to receive so much greater benefit and so much more genuine enjoyment through their wise preparation at home in the perusal of works of substantial worth.

It may not here be inappropriate to suggest the feasibility of establishing some method in the future increase of the library, by which a regular increase may be secured in the supply of works of reference—works which give character and strength to the institution—which will attract the student and the scholar, and which, though seldom taken from the shelves, nevertheless afford “materials for our richest and noblest instruction.”

Total number of books given out	-	-	-	20,409
Works of Fiction	-	-	-	11,423
Biography and History	-	-	-	2,806
Poetry and Belles Lettres	-	-	-	1,605

Voyages and Travels	-	-	-	1,075
Religion and Philosophy	-	-	-	1,059
Periodicals	-	-	-	932
Miscellaneous Literature	-	-	-	795
Science and Art	-	-	-	714

The largest number given out in any one month was
in March, being - - - - - 2,129

The largest number given out on any single day was
on February 23d, being - - - - - 188

The whole number of shares used was - - 577

The whole number of shares at the beginning of the
year was 605.

Eight new shares have been sold during the year, one more than the number sold in 1866, and this fact, taken in connection with the increase in the number of shares used during the year, apparently denotes a growing appreciation of the privileges which the Athenæum affords.

The number of shares at present is 613.

The examination of the library by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian, as directed by the Board, shows that the books generally are in good condition, while the number of volumes surreptitiously taken from the shelves is considerably less than the number lost in the same manner last year. Only ten volumes are thus missing, most of which are works of trifling value. One instance of vandalism, almost warranting the offer of a reward for the detection of the offender, is too gross to be overlooked. A volume of Edwards' Polish Captivity, a nicely illustrated historical work, was removed from the shelves by stealth, and as stealthily returned, but not until it had been robbed of its plates. Such mischievous practices merit the severest condemnation, and are, moreover, suggestive of additional restrictions in the use of the alcoves.

The Report of the Treasurer will show that there has been received—

From eight new shares sold	-	-	\$ 120.00
“ Assessment on 591 shares	-	-	2,955.00
“ Interest on invested funds	-	-	1,827.92
“ Fines collected, shares sold for non-payment of tax, & sundries			181.30
“ Balance in Treasury last year	-	-	.24
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			\$5,084.46

The expenditures for account of the library have been as follows:—

For books	-	-	-	\$1,423.63
“ periodicals	-	-	-	418.64
“ binding	-	-	-	212.18
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				\$2,054.45

The other expenditures have been—

For salaries	-	-	-	\$2,145.00
“ advertising and printing	-	-	-	141.25
“ repairs	-	-	-	185.04
“ fuel, gas, insurance, stationery, express, postage, and sundries				483.05
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				\$5,008.79

It is a gratification to the Directors to be able to report that the collection of subscriptions for the permanent fund, by the Committee appointed to receive and invest them, has been steadily progressing. Even during the late period of unusual depression in all branches of industry, cheerful and bountiful givers, some of whose names are inseparably linked with the whole history of the Athenæum, and honorably identified

with every step of its progress, have been found ready to respond with customary liberality to these appeals for material sympathy and aid. Three thousand dollars have been invested in United States' 5-20 bonds of the new issue of 1867, bearing six per cent. interest; and before another summer has passed, the Directors hope to report the completed sum, with a full list of the donors.

The importance of a thorough change in the interior arrangements of the building, by which increased accommodation shall be provided for the rapid increase of the library—no longer a question of convenience or expediency, but an imperative necessity—has this year been more fully discussed, and plans by which it can be accomplished have been more fully matured than at any previous time. At the last annual meeting the Directors were instructed to procure “plans for the re-arrangement of the library shelves, with estimates of the expense, to be presented at a special meeting of the Proprietors.” This meeting was held on Monday evening, February 25th, and a vote was passed approving the “plans of altering the interior of the Athenæum to increase its capabilities as a library, drawn by James C. Bucklin, and presented to the meeting by the Board of Directors.” The plans were then “referred to the Board of Directors, to be carried into effect, with such modifications and additions as should be found desirable, not materially adding to the cost.” It was also voted that the funds necessary for making the proposed alterations should be raised by subscription, and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Alexis Caswell, Seth Padelford, Moses B. Lockwood, Henry T. Cornett and William B. Weeden, was appointed for that purpose, and authorized to raise “Seven thousand dollars, to be applied to the costs.” At the subsequent monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, partial reports of progress made and difficulties

encountered have been rendered, but the material results in the improvement of the building for library purposes have not yet been attained.

The plans submitted by Mr. Bucklin, and approved by the Proprietors, are admirably adapted to the desired purpose, and require no lengthy commendation. When completed, the upper part of the building will form one room, lighted partly from above, with light book-cases reaching from floor to ceiling, and rendered accessible by a gallery extending entirely around the room. By this arrangement, and the removal of the present shelving to the lower rooms, space can be supplied for sixty or seventy thousand volumes, and the large expenditure necessary for the erection of a new building can thus be postponed for several years. Already it has been found absolutely necessary to resort to the use of temporary cases, four of which have been procured and placed in the most crowded alcoves. These, however, can afford but a temporary relief, even by increasing their number, and it is much to be desired that prompt and vigorous measures on the part of the Proprietors should be taken to obviate this necessity. Nearly one half the required amount has already been pledged, and with the attainment so nearly in our grasp, it surely shall not be said that to those who have always enjoyed its benefits, and grown up to manhood in the shadow of its walls, an appeal to extend and multiply its blessings shall have been made in vain.

And now, in closing this simple record of the year, the Board of Directors surrender their trust to the Proprietors, from whom it has been received. It is a monotonous and uneventful history, showing year by year the same detail of daily routine and daily expenditure, allowing no play of imagination and fancy, and admitting of no variety of light and

shadow ; yet it is eminently suggestive when considered in its relation with the agencies within these walls, which, wisely guarded and employed, are capable of so much in the development of mind, in the formation of character, in the stimulation of thought, in the fostering and culture of mental resources, that no reverses of fortune can take away.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PATTEN,

Sept. 23, 1867.

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, Sept. 24, 1866.....\$0.24

R E C E I P T S .

For eight shares sold, at \$15.....	\$120.00	
For tax assessed Sept. 24, 1866, collected on 591 shares.....	2,955.00	
For seven shares sold for taxes.....	40.00	
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin.....	1,827.92	
Unexpended balance remitted last year for purchase of English books.....	87.94	
For books sold.....	5.80	
For fines collected.....	47.56	
Amount of subscriptions collected for increase of the permanent fund.....	3,825.00	
		<u>8,369.22</u>
		<u>\$8,369.46</u>

E X P E N D I T U R E S .

For books.....	1,423.63	
For periodicals.....	418.64	
For binding books.....	212.18	
For salaries.....	2,145.00	
For Fuel.....	192.75	
For gas....	67.20	
For insurance.....	115.00	
For stationery ...	7.75	
For express, postage and stamps.....	36.48	
For advertising and printing.....	141.25	
For repairs.....	89.91	
For building temporary shelves.....	95.13	
For investment in U. S. Bonds, 5-20 @108 $\frac{1}{8}$	3,243.75	
For sundries.....	63.87	
		<u>\$8,252.54</u>
Balance this day deposited in the Manufacturers National Bank	116.92	
		<u>\$8,369.46</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—

74 shares in the Blackstone National Bank, par value.....	\$1,850.00
63 shares in the American National Bank “ “	3,150.00
7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5-20 “ “	19,500 00
	<u>\$24,500.00</u>

The number of shares issued Sept. 24, 1866, was.....605

The number issued this year, is ... 8

Making a total of.....613

Tax uncollected on seven shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, September 23, 1867.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1867.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Eliza O.	598	Bailey William M.	165
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Adams Seth Jr.*	14	Balch John R.	339
Adie Alexander F.	517	Balch Joseph	205
Akerman Charles	350	Balch Joseph P.	419
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Allen Charles B.	50	Barker Frederic A.	520
Allen Crawford	6	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Allen Philip*	9	Barstow John*	310
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Zachariah	8	Barton T. A.	229
Ames Samuel*	171	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Beckwith Truman	19
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Angell Edwin G.	133	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Angell John W.	287	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Anthony Henry	44	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Anthony Henry B.	414	Binney William	558
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Aplin Charles.	453	Blake Joseph M.	580
Appleton John H.	120	Blanding William B.	40
Armington Asa W.	289	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Armington James H.	331	Blodget William P.	387
Armington Mathew W.	83	Boon Charles E.	267
Arnold Charles	106	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Arnold George C.	103	Bowen Henry*	198
Arnold John N.	223	Bowen Henry L.*	312
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Bowen Tully D.	130
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Bradford S. S.	65
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold Welcome	142	Brastow Billings.	31
Arnold William S.	388	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Ashley Lucius C.	162	Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Edward W.	532

* Deceased.

Brown Henry T.	510	Clarke James M.	501
Brown Isaac	245	Clarke John H.	13
Brown John Carter	77	Cleveland Almira A.	329
Brown Joseph R.	480	Clifford Marian*	47
Brown Moses*	1	Coggeshall James H.	450
Brown Nicholas*	547	Collins George L.	526
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Collins James C.	460
Brown Thomas	212	Congdon George	257
Brown William*	324	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown William Waterman	219	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown William Whipple	466	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Browne George H.	585	Cook Joseph J.	565
Brownell Francis S.	160	Cook Edward	570
Bucklin James C.	373	Corliss George H.	360
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Cornett Henry	467
Bucklin Thomas P.	601	Cornett Henry T.	564
Buel Rufus F.*	573	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Buffum Benjamin	52	Cowing Ward, children	391
Bullock Julia	502	Cranston Henry C.	548
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
Bullock William P.*	144	Cross James M.	561
Burges Walter S.	78	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Burgess Frederick	76	Cutler Edward H.	153
Burrington William B.	109		
Burrough Martha H.	367	Daggett John	455
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Bush Patience M.	206	Danielson George W.	152
Bush Richard W.	91	Darling Levi B.	572
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dart William H.*	128
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Davenport Samuel C.	470
Butts Frank	397	Davis John W.	217
Butts George W.	597	Davis Thomas	173
		Davis William D.	318
Cady Shubal H.	536	Day Daniel	53
Calder Albert L.	274	Day Israel H.	203
Caldwell Samuel L.	579	Dearth William G.	117
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	DeMunn Sarah	447
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Carpenter Lydia	592	DeWitt Henry A.	469
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Carpenter Tisdale*	239	Dextér Samuel*	95
Caswell Alexis	270	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Caswell Edward T.	184	Dike Arba B.	483
Central Baptist Society	307	Dorr Sullivan	389
Central Congregational Society	49	Dorrance Amy G.	416
Chace Alexander B.	42	Dorrance Eliza A.	244
Chace Elizabeth (Valley Falls)	149	Dorrance James R.	395
Chace George I.	224	Dorrance William T.	92
Chace Henry R.	398	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Chace Lewis J.	527	Drown William H.	338
Chace William M.*	176	Duncan Alexander	12
Chaffee Mary E.	555	Duncan David	261
Chaffin Lucian G.	464	Dunn Robinson P.*	393
Channing William F.	105	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94	Dunnell Mary	235
Chapin George W.	337	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chapin John F.	596	Dunwell James P.	412
Chapin Joshua B.	423	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Dyer Benjamin*	131
Child Lewis P.	345	Dyer Elisha	159
Childs Charles H.*	208	Dyer John	21
Childs Charles T.	578	Dyer John F.	259
Clafflin George L.	482	Dyer Mary A.	302
Clark Thomas M.	411		
Clarke Benjamin F.	403	Eames Jane A.	487
Clarke George L.	612	Eames Laura C.	107

Earle Amey Ann	370	Hamlin William E.	178
Earle William	474	Handy Hattie J.	595
Eddy John H.	311	Harkness Albert	357
Ely James W. C.	545	Harkness Thomas	33
		Harris Avis L.	457
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Harris C. Fiske	204
Farnum Alexander	228	Harris Cyrus	221
Field Daniel	26	Harris David S.	112
Field William	15	Harris George J.	151
First Baptist Church	405	Harris Samuel B.	133
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Harris Thomas	353
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hart Charles	553
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Hartley George S.*	448
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hartshorn Charles P.	38
Fletcher Joseph	368	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Fletcher Thomas*	300	Hartshorn Isaac	191
Fuhrer William F.	582	Hawes Amos B.	207
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hayes Wingate	93
Foster Samuel	576	Hayward Thomas W.	563
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hazard Edward H.	583
Friendship Street Baptist Church	539	Hazard George P.	529
Fuller Frederick	560	Heap James	439
		Hedge Frederic H. Jr.	238
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hedge J. Dunham	590
Gammell William	286	Hidden Henry A.	137
Gardner Malachi R.	193	Hill Hiram	163
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hill Paris	134
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hill Thomas J.	363
Glezen Eben K.	407	Hilton William D.	114
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Hodges Isaac A.	468
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Holmes C. D.	28
Goff Amey S.	499	Hoppin Carrington	599
Goodwin Daniel	315	Hoppin George H.	430
Gorham Jabez	45	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Gorham John	427	Hoppin William W.	283
Gorton Charles	355	Hoskins James B.	294
Greene Albert C. cashier	492	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Greene Albert G.	332	Howard William A.	75
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Howland John A.	192
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Hoyt David W.	581
Greene Edward A.	213	Hudson Samuel*	241
Greene Richard W.	73	Humphrey Sarah F.	475
Greene Rufus	444	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Greene Sarah A.	290	Hunt George	364
Greene Warren A.	535	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Greene Welcome A.	358	Hutchins Sterns	175
Greene William Albert*	187		
Greene William Albert*	164	Ives Hope*	404
Greene William H.	543	Ives Robert H.	4
Greene William H.	608		
Greene William R.	167	Jackson Charles E.	541
Gross Thomas J. A.	374	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Grosvenor William	108	Jastram Henry M.	141
Grout Abby R.	29	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
		Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Haines William S.	102	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Hale Isaac	382	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Hall Edward B.*	263	Jenkins William*	5
Hall George R. (Bristol)	284	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hall George W.	496	Johnson William S.	329
Hall J. Clifton	559	Jollie Edward	86
Hallett George W.	37	Jones Albert J.	82
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Jones Edward S.	512
Ham Charles H.	605	Jones John D.	472
Ham James S.*	341	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471		
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Keith Christopher T.	507

Kelly Ebenezer*	190	Morse Alpheus C.	588
Kelly Wilber*	125	Moulton & Ingraham	506
Kendall Henry L.	88	Mowry Martha H.	104
Kendall Oliver	505	Mowry William G. R.	10
Kilton Charles H.	172	Murray Robert Jr.	524
Kilton John B.	148		
Kimball Eliza G.†	550	Newcomb Rhoda*	362
King George M. P.	593	Nichols Charles A.	613
King William J.	571	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Kingsbury John	214	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Knight Henry P.	233	Nightingale George C.	113
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Knowles Edward P.	488	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Knowles John P.	71	Noyes George C.	295
Knowles Joseph	268	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Okie A. Howard	586
Larchar John*	39	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Larned Samuel*	306	Olney Stephen T.	186
Lathrop Henry E.	562	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Leach Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515	Ormsbee John S.	347
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Osborn William	340
Lincoln John L.	119	Owen Ezekiel	54
Lippitt Christopher	150	Owen George	401
Lippitt Francis J.	604	Owen Smith	389
Lippitt Henry	68		
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lonsdale John H.	602	Padelford Seth	111
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Paine Amasa*	115
Lyman Henry B.	67	Paine Daniel*	328
Lyman John W.	126	Palmer Fannie	609
Lyon Mary W.	549	Palmer John B.	500
		Parkhurst William H.	155
Maguire Thomas* (N. Providence)	25	Parsons Charles W.	35
Manton Amasa	24	Parsons Usher	375
Manton Louisa	551	Patten William S.	237
Manton Robert	409	Payne Abraham	497
Manton Walter	410	Payton Eliza J.	264
Martin Joseph	456	Pearce Edward	185
Mason Charles F.	266	Pearce Edward Jr.	421
Mason Earl P.	258	Pearce Edward D.	321
Mason George	81	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mason Henry W.	285	Pearson Luther	23
Mason John N.	222	Peck Allen O.	211
Mason Owen	216	Peck George B.	376
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mauran Abby	62	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mauran Joseph	243	Peckham Jo-eph C.	319
Mauran Suchet	132	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mead Marshal B.	508	Peirce Fenelon A.	523
Merrill William S.	314	Peirce John	413
Merriman Charles H.	537	Perry Amos	458
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Perry Herbert L.	247
Metcalf Edwin	254	Phillips Thomas	378
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pierce Asa	218
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Pierce William G.	422
Metcalf Joseph G.	69	Pitman Henry	197
Miles Amanda	118	Pitman John*	63
Miller Charles T.	443	Pitman Joseph S.	424
Miller Frederick	518	Pond Charles G.	225
Miller Lewis L.	146	Porter Emery M.	80
Mitchel John A.	603	Potter Charles*	55
Mitchell Thomas L.	452	Potter Nathaniel F.	428

Potter William H.	139	Staples William R.	181
Power Street Meth. Epis Church	361	Stayner Sarah Hood	569
Pratt Peter*	17	Stead Thomas J.*	249
Pratt William H.	495	Steere Jonah	420
		Steere Thomas E.	16
Randolph George	606	Stillwell Samuel S.	170
Randolph John R.	521	Stimpson John J.*	194
Randolph Thomas L.	200	Stone Alfred	417
Rathbone George S.	210	Sutton Edward	335
Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Rawson Henry M.	314	Sweet Joseph	276
Read Francis	434	Sweet William	610
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432		
Reynolds James	3	Taft Cyrus	161
Reynolds John*	320	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Reynolds William H.	415	Taft Orray*	59
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes James T.	232	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Tallman William*	372
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Taylor Daniel A. 2 shares	311, 534
Rice Howard M.	479	Taylor John H.	87
Richardson Henry	231	Temple William	436
Richmond Frank E.	157	Tetlow Asenath	600
Richmond George M.*	46	Thayer Euclid C.	386
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thomas George B.	501
Richmond Street Cong. Society	494	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Rickard R. R.	43	Thurber Edmund	509
Rider Sidney S.	381	Thurber Luey	281
Rivers Mary	531	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Robinson Charles P.	459	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Robinson William A.	489	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Rodman William M.	196	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Rogers Horatio*	400	Tingley Albert H.	177
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Russell Hope B. Ives	3	Tingley Henry	297
		Tobey John F.	462
Sabin Charles	201	Tobey Samuel Boyd*	66
Sacket Adnah*	317	Torrey Moses E.	384
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Townsend William C.	122
Salisbury Levi	575	Tripp Benjamin	61
Salisbury Samuel S.*	425	Truman Nathan	248
Sawyer John W.	435	Turner John	327
Shaw Allen	251	Tyler Solomon	64
Shaw Charles A.	454		
Shaw Emma Graves	377	Udike Caesar Augustus	611
Shaw John M.	154	Udike Walter W.*	478
Shaw Mary A.	587	Uiley Leander*	242
Shearman Sylvester G.	308		
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Sheldon Nicholas	188	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Shepard Thomas P.	385		
Simmons James F.* (Johnston)	13	Walcott Edward	48
Simmons James S.	291	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Simmons W. Seabury	607	Warner James M.*	138
Simons Aaron	325	Waterman Emily	180
Slater John 2d*	11	Waterman Henry	278
Slocum Jonathan L.	463	Waterman Resolved	41
Smith Amos D.	101	Waterman Rufus	277
Smith Charles M.	449	Waterman William H.	240
Smith James Y.	504	Watson Mathew*	27
Smith John W.	215	Wayland Francis*	236
Smith S. Sterry*	90	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Snow William C.	275	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394
Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498	Weeden William B.	522
Sprague Amasa*	293	Weeden William G.	246
Stafford Robert R.	100	Wesson Samuel Augustus	442

Wheaton Samuel B.*	440	Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199
Wheeler Bennett W.	382	Wilbour Joshua	542
Wheeler Charles H.	18	Wilcox Stephen Jr.	351
Whittaker C. Earle	271	Williams William G.	298
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24. TURNBULL, W. Popular treatise on health. N. Y., 1831. 32°
25. TYTLER, S. Days of yore. Lond., 1866. 2 vols. sm. 8°

26. URQUHART, D. Progress of Russia in the West, North-West, and South. 4th ed. Lond., 1853. 12°
27. UNITED STATES Sanitary Commission. Bulletin, (1863-65.) N. Y., 1866. 3 vols. in 1. 8°
28. ——— Documents. N. Y., 1866. 2 vols. 8°

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32. VAN BUREN, M. Inquiry into the origin and course of political parties in the United States. Ed. by his sons. N. Y., 1867. 8°
33. VIRGILIUS Mæro, P. Works in Latin and English. The Æneid tr. by C. Pitt, the eclogues and georgics, with notes on the whole, by J. Warton. Lond., 1753. 4 vols. 8°
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1. WALKER, A. The science of wealth, a manual of political economy. Bost., 1866. 8°
2. WALSH, M. Mc. N. The lawyer in the schoolroom; laws of all the States on educational subjects. N. Y., 1867. 12°
3. WARD, J. H. Life and letters of James G. Percival. Bost., 1856. 12°
4. WARREN, Mrs. How I managed my children. Bost., 1866. 12°
5. WATKINS, J. Life and times of William IV. Lond., 1831. 8°
6. WATSON, H. C. Camp fires of the revolution. N. Y., 1865. 8°
7. WEBB, Mrs. Alypius of Tagaste, a tale. Lond., s. a. sq. 16°
8. WENDEBORN, F. A. Practical German grammar, 8th ed. enlarged by D. Boileau. Lond., 1829. 12°
9. WESTMINSTER abbey; or, the days of the reformation. Lond., 1859. 16°
10. WHARTON, F. The silence of scripture. Bost., 1867. 16°
11. WHEATON, H. Elements of international law, 8th ed. Ed. with notes by R. H. Dana, Jr. Bost., 1866. 8°
12. WHIPPLE, E. P. Character and characteristic men. Bost., 1866. 16°
13. WHITNEY, A. D. T. A summer in Leslie Goldthwaite's life. Bost., 1867. 16°
14. WHITTIER, J. G. Prose works. Bost., 1866. 2 vols. 16°
15. ——— The tent on the beach, and other poems. Bost., 1867. 16°
16. WIGHT, R. Contributions to the botany of India. Lond., 1834. 8°
17. WIKOFF, H. My courtship and its consequences. N. Y., 1855. 12°
18. WILDE, R. H. Hesperia, a poem; ed. by his son. Bost., 1867. 12°
19. WILLSON, F. The old sergeant, and other poems. Bost., 1867. 16°
20. WINSLOW, Mrs. M. Heaven opened; a selection from the correspondence of. Ed. by O. Winslow. Edinburgh, 1867. 16°
21. WINTHROP, R. C. Life and letters of John Winthrop, 1630-1649. Bost., 1867. 8°
22. WOLFF, J. Travels and adventures of. Lond., 1860. 2 vols. 8°
22. WOMEN of the gospels, and other poems. N. Y., 1867. 16°
23. WOOD, Mrs. H. Elster's folly. Phila., s. a. 8°
24. ——— Orville college. Phila., 1860. 8°
25. WOODBURY, A. Major-Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside and the ninth army corps. Providence, 1867. 8°
26. WORNUM, R. N. Some account of the life and works of Hans Holbein. Lond., 1867. roy. 8°
27. WYLIE, J. A. The awakening of Italy and the crisis of Rome. N. Y., s. a. 12°
28. WYNDHAM, N., *editor*. Travels through Europe, from the productions of celebrated modern travellers; with the editor's observations. Lond., s. a. 4 vols. 8°
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33. YOUNG, L. S., *editor*. The culture demanded by modern life. Addresses, [by various hands.] N. Y., 1867. 12°
34. YOUNG, L. J. H. Sea-Fishing as a sport. Lond., 1865. 16°
35. YUNG lun youen, *jang-seen*. History of the pirates who infested the China Sea, 1807-1810, tr. by C. F. Neumann, Lond., 1831. 8° [Oriental transl. fund, 18.]

REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1868.

THIRTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1868.

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R E P O R T .

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM have the pleasure of presenting to the Corporation the following report of their proceedings, and of the general concerns of the Institution during the thirty-third year of its existence.

At its first meeting, after the thirty-second annual meeting of the Corporation, the Board of Directors was regularly organized by the election of the usual officers, and the appointment of the standing committees. The same salaried officers, who have for many years had the actual charge of the library, were reelected. Mr. Thomas Dunell, who had been reelected by the Corporation a Director for the past year, declined the appointment, and Professor J. Lewis Diman was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

In compliance to the vote of the Corporation, at the last annual meeting, the Board added Messrs. Zachariah Allen and James M. Cross to the committee appointed by the Corporation, at the special meeting, February 25th, 1867, to raise seven thousand dollars for the purpose of altering the interior of the library building. That committee subsequently reported to the Board, that it had obtained sub-

scriptions for more than the required amount. A contract for the re arrangement of the shelves, so as to give greatly increased capacity to the library, in accordance with the general plan adopted at the special meeting of the Corporation, has been completed, and the work of making the desired changes has been actually commenced.

The committee to solicit subscriptions were of the opinion that their success was principally owing to the unwearied exertions of Mr. Henry T. Cornett, who refused to be discouraged by the financial troubles which were so generally felt throughout the State, in the year 1867. The successful completion of the subscription proved his faith in the liberality and public spirit of the shareholders of this Institution to be well grounded. The Board, at its meeting, July 20, 1868, passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cornett, for his very efficient services.

The Directors appointed the Treasurer and Mr. Abraham Payne a committee to look after the interests of the Institution, in the matter of the assessment which had been imposed upon it for the widening of College street. The original assessment reported by the commissioners of estimate, to be paid by this Corporation, was \$300. By persistent efforts in the court, this committee succeeded in having this assessment sent back to new commissioners, with special instructions, and the assessment reported by the new commissioners is \$1.

From the report of the Treasurer, it appears that the total receipts for the year, together with the balance on hand at the last annual report (\$116.92), have been \$5,364.76. The total expenditures amount to \$4,637.50. Of this sum \$1,375.31 were expended for the direct increase of the

library; \$2,430.00 for salaries, and \$832.19 for fuel, lights, insurance, care of the rooms and grounds, and other incidental expenses. The expenditures for the library directly were for the purchase of books, \$739.40; for periodicals, \$435.21; for binding, \$200.70.

The Librarian reports that the additions to the library have been considerably below the average in number, though fully equal in character to those of former years. The entire increase consists of 559 volumes and 113 pamphlets. Of these, 370 volumes were added by purchase; 73 by gifts, and 116 by the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. Of the pamphlets, 29 were purchased and 84 given. The addition consists of 19 folios; 30 quartos; 314 octavos, and 196 duodecimos and smaller. The average cost of the volumes purchased is about \$2.09; of the pamphlets, about \$0.40. The accessions of the past year, added to the number of volumes reported at the last annual meeting, would give 30,566 as the whole number of volumes in the library. An actual count might show the number to be somewhat less, as many are worn out and not all of them replaced, and sometimes, in binding, two volumes have been united in one. The wear and tear of juvenile books and works of fiction is very great, and it is a question whether some restriction ought not to be placed on the use of books by persons not old enough to know how to handle them properly. In most public libraries, no boys under the age of eighteen, or girls under the age of sixteen, are admitted.

From our Senator and Representative in Congress, Hon. Henry B. Anthony and Hon. Thomas A. Jenckes, the library has received many valuable public documents, the gift of which is hereby gratefully acknowledged by the Directors. They also tender the thanks of the Institution

to the persons and institutions enumerated below, for their gifts of volumes and pamphlets:—

John R. Bartlett,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
Samuel W. Brown, City Clerk,	Library Company of Philadelphia,
Samuel L. Caldwell,	Managers of the Public Library of
Alexis Caswell,	Cincinnati,
William F. Channing,	Mercantile Library Association of the
Thomas M. Clark,	City of New York,
Alex. Delmar, Bureau of Statistics,	Mercantile Library Association of San
Thomas W. Evans, Paris, France.	Francisco,
John Alex. Ferris, S. Francisco, Cal.,	Mercantile Library Company of Phil-
Charles E. Godfrey,	adelphia,
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F. H. Hedge, Brookline, Mass.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of
J. D. Hedge,	Troy, N. Y.,
J. E. Hilgard, U. S. Coast Survey,	Rhode Island Numismatic Associa-
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A. R. Spofford, Library of Congress,	Wilmington Institute,
American Antiquarian Society,	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
American Colonization Society,	sociation of Buffalo,
American Missionary Society,	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
American Peace Society,	sociation of Cincinnati.
Chicago Historical Society,	

The total number of volumes given out during
the year was - - - - - 20,176

Works of Fiction and Juvenile Books,	-	11,206
Biography and History,	- - -	2,649
Poetry and Belles Lettres,	- - -	1,554
Religion and Philosophy,	- - -	1,077

Periodicals, - - - - -	1,025
Voyages and Travels, - - - - -	1,009
Miscellaneous Literature, - - - - -	866
Arts, Science and Law, - - - - -	790

The largest number given out in any month was
in March, being - - - - - 1,991

Largest number issued on any day was December
28, 1867, being - - - - - 170

The whole number of shares used was - - - 578

The number of shares issued at the beginning of
the year was - - - - - 613

Nine new shares have been sold during the year,
making the present number - - - - - 622

The whole number of books missing from the shelves, at
the annual examination of the library, and not entered upon
the Librarian's book, was twelve, none of which are of
special value.

At the last annual meeting, the following vote was passed
by the Corporation:—

Voted, That the Corporation specially approves of that portion of the
annual report which relates to the character of the works that ought to be
purchased for the library, and that the Board of Directors be requested to
carry the same into effect, and also to report, at a future time, on the con-
dition of the library with reference to the different departments of human
knowledge.

At their first meeting, in October, the Directors gave their
earnest attention to this resolution, and finally referred it to
the standing committee on the library. Under instructions
from that committee, the Librarian was, for weeks, occupied
in investigating the condition of the library, and, in April,
presented a report embodying the results of his labors. The
Directors now submit that report to the Corporation, as an

appendix to their annual report, and wish to call especial attention to this carefully prepared summary of the condition of the library.

A very general impression has hitherto prevailed, not only among the uninformed and the indifferent, but even among the best and strongest friends of the Institution, that the Athenæum had the character of a circulating library, for the use of readers of works of fiction and of light and amusing literature, rather than that of a general library adapted to the wants of the scholar and the author, and fitted to establish and diffuse accurate learning and true culture among those that come in contact with its treasures. It is a matter of sincere congratulation, that the Librarian's report on the condition of the library conclusively proves the error of this impression, and shows that, except in one or two respects, our library, as far as its numbers allow, can rank with the best in the land. The report contains carefully prepared tables, classifying the books of the library and showing the relative proportions belonging to each class. By a series of comparisons of the ratios thus established with the corresponding ratios in the Boston Public Library, the report proves that our own library possesses a symmetry of design which should cause great praise to be given to those who have, in years past, had the charge of building up the library. It is to be hoped, that as much care may hereafter be used in filling up the outlines and elaborating the details, as has been hitherto exercised in laying out the foundation and erecting the framework of the structure.

The library is most deficient in the Greek and Latin classics, the higher branches of mathematical and physical sciences, and works of modern Continental European litera-

ture. The existence, in our immediate vicinity, of the fine collection of Greek and Roman writers and their best commentators, in the library of Brown University, which is accessible to all who take the pains to ask for admission to it, may, in some degree, excuse the want of attention to this department of our library. The same explanation will probably be given for the poverty of the Athenæum in works relating to the more advanced and profound departments of Mathematical and Physical Science; while the great cost of all imported books which has prevailed for the last few years, is probably the reason why so few recent German, French and Italian works have been placed upon our shelves, except, perhaps, in the form of such translations as have been published in America.

The earnest student of every department of exact knowledge would fall far short of the standard of modern excellence, were he to be deprived of the magnificent scientific works of Germany and France; and every lover of polite literature must acknowledge the deepest obligation to the writers of Continental Europe, however proud he may justly be of the literature of the English language. A culture that should ignore the teachings and amoenities of German, French or Italian classical literature, would be narrow in the extreme, and only less bigoted than that which should despise the glories of modern Continental European literature. It is very much to be regretted that the works of so few foreign contemporaneous writers are to be found on the Athenæum's shelves, in the original. A source of great profit and pleasure to those stockholders familiar with foreign languages, and a strong incentive to the study of those languages, is thus wanting. But it is hoped that, in future years, this want may be supplied; and that, with more am-

ple shelf-room and an increasing fund for the purchase of new books, the Athenæum will be able to fill out these lean places in its organism.

By making a more general classification of the books in the library, based upon the figures given in the Librarian's report, but omitting entirely from the calculation the department of periodicals and society publications—which cannot be accurately classified without immense labor, on account of the diversity of topics embraced in each serial—it appears that thirty-six per cent. of our books is devoted to History, Biography and Travels; thirty-one per cent. to Works of Reference and of a scientific nature (embracing the titles Cyclopædias and Dictionaries, Fine Arts, Useful Arts, Jurisprudence and Political Economy, Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, Mathematical and Physical Science, Natural History, Medical Science and Bibliography); twenty-three per cent. to General Literature; six per cent. to Greek and Latin Classics and Foreign Literature, and four per cent. to Miscellaneous Subjects. In view of these figures, an actual increase of the number of works of reference does not seem to be required, and the spirit of the resolution of the last annual meeting will be fully met, if some means can be devised to increase the use of the works of reference that the Athenæum already owns. But, though the library possesses such a large and just proportion of works of this character, there has as yet no way presented itself to the Directors by which their use can be more generally enforced. The records kept by the Librarian, of the character of the books taken out of the library, does not vary much from those of past years; but it must be remembered that no record is kept of the character of the books consulted in the library, and many books of reference of the most valu-

able nature, are, from their very value, the last books which the Librarian would allow to be taken from the building. The only feasible method to increase the use of this class of books, is to increase the facilities for using them in the building. It is, perhaps, not too much to hope, that, while increasing the capacity of the library for books, some steps may also be taken to increase its capacity for usefulness in the way suggested, so that all lovers of knowledge and of books, all true scholars and earnest thinkers, may be enabled to consult its treasures, and be benefited by its stores of learning.

The whole amount required for the proposed alterations has been subscribed, and before another annual meeting there will probably be ample accommodations in the library building for seventy thousand volumes. With the large permanent fund which the Institution already possesses, devoted to the purchase of books, it will not be many years before its shelves will be filled, and the Athenæum be in possession of a library commensurate to the size and importance of the city of Providence. The great influence for good which such a library must exert, cannot be over estimated, and it should be a constant source of pride and pleasure to the Corporation that they are the owners of such an important means of advancing accurate learning and true culture. But they should not rest satisfied to have this great influence for good confined entirely to themselves. Every proprietor ought to feel it his duty to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the Institution, by inducing his friends and acquaintances to share with him the benefits to be derived from the library by becoming a shareholder in the Athenæum. The price is nominal, and the annual tax is so small, that it can be a burden to

none ; while the mere money value of the property of the Institution should be sufficient to attract new shareholders, aside from the intellectual benefit to be derived from the use of the shares. If the annual tax be capitalized at \$85, and the price of the shares, \$15, be added, the present cost of each of the 622 shares would be \$100, equivalent to a total capital stock of \$62,200, while the money value of the 30,000 volumes, of the real estate and of the invested fund of the Institution, must be much more than double that amount. It is therefore no new and uncertain enterprise, just beginning an existence of struggle and experiment, that is seeking for new shareholders. The Athenæum is securely established on the strongest foundation, and has before it a certain future of prosperity and usefulness. But its development may be hastened by increasing the numbers of those interested in its progress, and every new name that is added to its list of shareholders, not only enlarges its pecuniary resources, but also adds to its usefulness by offering new minds to be educated and improved by the silent teachings of its books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 28, 1868.

THE
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
ON THE
CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

BY a vote passed by the Library Committee of the Providence Athenæum, in November last, the Librarian was instructed "to examine into and report to this Committee upon the deficiencies which may exist in our library, in various departments of Science and Literature, with lists of titles which, in his judgment, should be procured to supply such deficiencies."

In obedience to the above resolution, the Librarian begs leave to report, that he has examined the library with great care, in order to determine the relative proportion held by each class of books on our shelves. The labor required for this investigation was greater than might be supposed, for, although the books are arranged, as far as possible, on the shelves according to their subjects, yet, owing to want of room, works on the same subject are often placed in different parts of the building, and books of special value are placed in cabinets wherever room can be found for them, without regard to their character.

The classification he has adopted corresponds very nearly with that which has heretofore been used in the distribution of books in the library. It is assumed as being, on the whole, the most convenient, though it must be evident that many of the books placed in one class might, with equal propriety, be placed in another. Silliman's Journal and the Journal of the Franklin Institute, for instance, might as properly be placed among books of Science as of Periodicals.

The following table presents the classification of books in the library, according to subjects:—

Bibliography and Literary History, - - -	296 vols.
Cyclopædias and Dictionaries, - - -	548 "
Poetry and the Drama, - - - - -	1,344 "
Belles Lettres, - - - - -	1,712 "
General History and Geography, - - -	841 "
American History and Politics, - - -	1,595 "
Histories of other Countries, - - - -	1,845 "
Biography, - - - - -	2,553 "
Travels, - - - - -	2,046 "
Periodicals and Society Publications, - -	5,254 "
Mathematics and the Physical Sciences, - -	323 "
Medical Science, - - - - -	267 "
Jurisprudence, Government and Political Economy,	869 "
Theology and Ecclesiastical History, - -	2,431 "
Moral and Intellectual Science and Education,	683 "
Fine Arts, - - - - -	885 "
Useful Arts, - - - - -	601 "
Fiction and Juvenile Books, - - - -	2,352 "
Greek and Latin Works and Philology, -	255 "
Books in French, German, Italian and other lan- guages, - - - - -	1,172 "

Natural History, - - - - -	709 vols.
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	861 "
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	29,444 "
Volumes of duplicates not reckoned, -	654 "

Or, arranging the books according to the percentage:—

Periodicals and Society Publications,	about 18 per cent.
Biography, - . - - -	" 8 " "
Theology and Ecclesiastical History,	" 8 " "
Fiction and Juvenile Books, - -	" 8 " "
Travels, - - - - -	" 7 " "
Special History, not American, - -	" 6 " "
Belles Lettres, - - - - -	" 6 " "
American History and Politics, - -	" 5 " "
Poetry and the Drama, - - - -	" 5 " "
Books in French, German and other lan-	
guages, - - - - -	" 4 " "
Fine Arts, - - - - -	" 3 " "
Jurisprudence, Government and Politi-	
cal Economy, - - - - -	" 3 " "
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	" 3 " "
General History and Geography, -	" 3 " "
Natural History, - - - - -	" 3 " "
Moral and Intellectual Science and Education,	" 2 " "
Useful Arts, - - - - -	" 2 " "
Cyclopædias and Dictionaries, - -	" 2 " "
Mathematics and the Physical Sciences,	" 1 " "
Bibliography and Literary History,	" 1 " "
Medical Science, - - - - -	" 1 " "
Greek and Latin Books and Philology,	" 1 " "

On analyzing the above table, the feeling is one of great satisfaction at the result. The collection of books seems admirably adapted to the wants of those who use it. A great many of the libraries of similar institutions are filled with works (valuable in themselves it is true), but which are rarely or never called for. The Boston Public Library—the best, perhaps, in the country—has, according to its last report, only fifty-nine per cent. of its books in the English language. Ours has ninety-five per cent. of English books. It will be seen by the above table that Periodicals and Society Publications are more numerous than any other department of literature, being eighteen per cent. of the whole number. The large number of this class is easily accounted for. About seventy periodicals are taken for the use of the reading-room, and find constant readers. When bound they make a yearly addition of over a hundred volumes to our shelves; and there is no class of books in the library that is more called for, as books of reference; and the latest volumes of the magazines are nearly as much in demand as works of fiction. In the Boston Library this same class is twelve per cent. of the whole number. The next largest class is that of Biography, certainly as useful and instructive as any other class of works, not excepting that of History, and next in favor with the general public to works of fiction.

The department of Theology and Ecclesiastical History is very largely represented, having more books than that of Fiction and Juvenile Literature, though the constant demand for books of the latter department causes their circulation to be greater than that of all the other departments of the library put together.

The departments of Travels, Belles Lettres, Poetry and

the Drama, and History, seem very fairly represented. On account of the different classification used, it is impossible to compare them with the Boston Library. In the class of Jurisprudence, Government and Political Economy, our library is a little fuller than that; of General History and Geography, that has a little more than ours. Of the Fine Arts each has three per cent. Of Cyclopædias and Dictionaries the Boston Library has a little more than one; ours a little less than two per cent. In the department of Useful Arts, both libraries are very deficient. Ours has two, and that one per cent. In the last four classes of the above table,—Mathematics and the Physical Sciences, Bibliography and Literary History, Medical Science, and Greek and Latin Classics and Philology,—the library of the Athenæum is sadly deficient, and far behind that of Boston. These are the departments which need most the fostering care of the Library Committee. It would be a valuable addition to our shelves, to procure the best editions of the Greek and Latin Classics; but not because there is any special demand for them. In fact, the Librarian can hardly recollect having given out a copy of the ancient classics, in the original, during his long connection with the Institution; they are sometimes called for, for consultation. It has been said that there have been more editions of Homer printed than of any other book, with the exception of the Bible. If this is true, it is a little singular that a copy never found its way to our shelves. The committee will notice the extreme deficiency of works in modern European continental literature. The demand for such books is not a great, but a constantly increasing one. We have nothing scarcely of this class of books but the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. The great increase of foreign travel has made many of our shareholders so well

acquainted with the language and literature of France, Italy and Germany, that it is very desirable that they should have the opportunity of indulging their taste for foreign literature.

The Boston Public Library has been selected by your Librarian as a standard of comparison, because it is considered as the best appointed library in the country, and more especially because it is the only one of which he could find accurate statistics with regard to its character. He has appended no lists of deficiencies to be supplied, though he has collected the titles of some books wanted. In a library of only 30,000 volumes, of course the deficiencies must be greater than could be named in any moderate space. He has indicated, as far as possible, those departments of the library which are most in need of the fostering care of the Library Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HEDGE,

Librarian.

PROVIDENCE, April 6, 1868.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 23d, 1867.....\$116.92

R E C E I P T S .

For nine shares, sold at \$15	\$135.00	
For tax assessed September 23d, 1867, collected on 604 shares	3,020.00	
For tax assessed September 24th, 1866, collected on one share	5.90	
For eight shares sold for taxes.....	49.75	
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin	2,007.80	
For fines collected.....	30.29	
	5,247.84	
		\$5,364.76

E X P E N D I T U R E S .

For books	739.40	
For periodicals.....	435.21	
For binding books.....	200.70	
For salaries.....	2,430.00	
For fuel	190.70	
For gas.....	87.75	
For insurance	132.29	
For stationery.....	37.84	
For express, postage and stamps	20.76	
For advertising and printing	126.00	
For repairs and furniture.....	168.86	
For sundries	67.99	
	\$4,637.50	
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank.....	727.26	
	5,364.76	

The invested funds belonging to the Corporation consist of—

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	\$1,850.00
63 shares in the American National Bank, par value	3,150.00
7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5.20s	19,500.00
	\$24,500 00

The number of shares issued September 23, 1867, was	613
The number issued this year is	9
Making in all	622

Tax unpaid on seven shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 28th, 1868.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1868.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Welcome	142
Adams Seth Jr.*	14	Arnold William S.	388
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Akerman Charles	350	Austin Samuel	2
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Allen, Charles B.	50	Bailey William M.	165
Allen, Crawford	6	Bailey William M. Jr.	149
Allen Philip*	9	Baker George	226
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Balch John R.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch Joseph	205
Ames Samuel*	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Betsey executrix,	348	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Barker Frederic A.	520
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barstow Amos C.	97
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow E. R.	369
Angell John W.	287	Barstow John*	310
Anthony Henry	44	Bartlett John R.	279
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beckwith Amos S.	445
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Aplin Charles	453	Beckwith Truman	19
Appleton John H.	120	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Armington Asa W.	289	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Armington James H.	331	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Armington Mathew W.	83	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Arnold Charles	106	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Binney William	558
Arnold George C.	103	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Arnold John N.	223	Blake Joseph M.	580
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Blanding William B.	40
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Arnold Stephen (S. C.)	34	Blodget William P.	387

*Deceased.

Boon Charles E.	267	Carpenter Lydia	592
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Borden Jefferson, (Fall River)	143	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Henry*	198	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bowen Henry L.*	312	Central Baptist Society	307
Bowen Tully D.	130	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradford Joseph	250	Chace Alexander B.	42
Bradford S. S.	65	Chace George I.	224
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace Henry R.	398
Brastow Billings	31	Chace Lewis J.	527
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace William M.*	176
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Brown Edward W.	532	Chaffin Lucian G.	464
Brown Henry T.	510	Channing William F.	105
Brown Isaac	245	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown John Carter	77	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Joseph R.	480	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Moses*	1	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown Nicholas*	547	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown Thomas	212	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brown William*	324	Childs Charles T.	578
Brown William Waterman	219	Clafflin George L.	482
Brown William Whipple	466	Clark Thomas M.	411
Browne George H.	585	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke James M.	501
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke John H.	13
Bucklin Thomas P.	601	Coggeshall James H	450
Buel Rufus F.*	573	Collins George L.	526
Buffum Benjamin	52	Collins James C.	460
Bullock Julia	502	Congdon George W.	257
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Congdon Gilbert	72
Bullock William P.*	144	Congdon Henry R.	514
Burges Walter S.	78	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Burgess Frederick	76	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Burrington William B.	109	Cook Joseph J.	565
Burrough Martha H.	367	Cook Edward	570
Bush Edwin A.	390	Corliss George H.	360
Bush Patience M.	206	Corliss William	622
Bush Richard W.	91	Cornett Henry	467
Butler Cyrus*	7	Cornett Henry T.	564
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Butts Frank	397	Cranston Henry C.	548
Butts George W.	597	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
		Cross James M.	561
Cady Shubael H.	536	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Calder Albert L.	274	Cutler Edward H.	153
Caldwell Samuel L.	579		
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Daggett John	455
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dailey Charlotte F.	209

Dana Newton C.	344	Field William	15
Danielson George W	152	First Baptist Church	405
Darling Levi B.	572	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Dart William H.*	128	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Davenport Samuel C.	470	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davis Edmund	620	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Davis John W.	217	Fletcher Joseph	368
Davis Thomas	173	Fluhrer William F.	582
Davis William D.	318	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Day Daniel	53	Foster Samuel	576
Day Israel H.	203	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Dearth William G.	117	Frieze Lyman B.	302
DeMunn Sarah	447	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
Dennis Samuel C.	379	Fuller Frederick	560
DeWitt Henry A.	469		
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Gallup Albert S.	503
Dexter; Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Gammell William	286
Dexter Samuel*	95	Gardner Malachi R.	193
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dike Arba B.	483	Gladding Henry G.	280
Diman J. Lewis	194	Glezen Eben K.*	407
Dorr Sullivan	389	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dodge Pickering E.	616	Goddard William G.* 2 shares 234,	406
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Goff Amey S.	499
Dorrance James R.	395	Goodwin Daniel	315
Dorrance William T.	92	Gorham Jabez	45
Downes L. T.	448	Gorham John	427
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Gorton Charles	355
Drown William H.	338	Greene Albert C., cashier	492
Duncan Alexander	12	Greene Albert G.*	332
Duncan David	261	Greene Ardelia E.	342
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Greene Cornelia E.	429
Dunnell Mary	235	Greene Edward A.	213
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Richard W.	73
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Rufus	444
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Sarah A.	290
Dyer Benjamin*	131	Greene Warren A.	535
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Welcome A.	358
Dyer John	21	Greene William Albert*	187
Dyer John F.	259	Greene William Albert*	164
		Greene William B. (E. Greenwich)	617
Eames Jane A.	487	Greene William H.	608
Eames Laura C.	107	Greene William R.	167
Earle William	474	Gross Thomas J. A.	374
Eddy John H.	311	Grosvenor William	108
Ely James W. C.	545	Grout Abby R.	29
Farnesworth Claudius B.	589	Haines William S.	102
Farnum Alexander	228	Hale Isaac	382
Field Daniel	26	Hall Edward B.*	263

Hall George R. (Bristol)	284	Hudson Samuel*	241
Hall George W.	496	Humphreys Sarah F.	475
Hall J. Clifton	559	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hallett George W.	37	Hunt George	364
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Huston William R.	618
Ham Charles H.	605	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Ham James S.*	341	Hutchins Sterns	175
Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471	Ives Hope*	404
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Ives Robert H.	4
Hawlin William E.	178	Jackson Charles E.	541
Handy Hattie J.	595	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harkness Albert	357	Jastram Henry H.	141
Harkness Thomas	33	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris Avis L.	457	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Cyrus	221	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris David S	112	Jenkins William*	5
Harris George J.	151	Jillson Charles D.	461
Harris Samuel B.	133	Johnson William S.	329
Harris Stephen	391	Jollie Edward	86
Harris Thomas	353	Jones Albert J.	82
Hart Charles	553	Jones Edward S.	512
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jones John D.	472
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hawes Amos B.	207	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hayes Wingate	93	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kendall Oliver	505
Hazard George P.	529	Kilton Charles H.	172
Hazard Rowland	615	Kilton John B.	148
Heap James	439	Kimball Eliza G.	550
Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	238	King George M. P.	593
Hedge J. Dunham	590	King William J.	571
Hidden Henry A.	137	Kingsbury John	214
Hill Hiram	163	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hill Paris	134	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Henry P.	233
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hoard John W.	598	Knowles Edward P.	488
Hodges Isaac A.	468	Knowles John P.	71
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knowles Joseph	268
Hoppin George H.	430	Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51	Larchar John*	39
Hoppin William W.	283	Larned Samuel*	306
Hoskins James B.	294	Lathrop Henry E.	562
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230	Leach Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515
Howard Ezra W.	47	Lewis Dexter B.	195
Howard William A.	75	Lincoln John L.	119
Howland John A.	192		
Hoyt David W.	581		

Lippitt Christopher	150	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Lippitt Francis J.	604	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lippitt Henry	68	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Nightingale George C.	113
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lonsdale John H.	602	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Noyes George C.	295
Lyman Henry B.	67	Noyes Samuel M	546
Lyman John W.	126		
Lyon Mary W.	549	Okie A. Howard	586
		Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Manton Amasa	24	Olney Stephen T.	186
Manton Louisa	551	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Manton Robert	409	Ormsbee John S.	347
Manton Walter	410	Osborn William	340
Martin Joseph	456	Owen Ezekiel	54
Mason Charles F.	266	Owen George	401
Mason Earl P.	258	Owen Smith	389
Mason George	81		
Mason Henry W.	285	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mason John N.	222	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Mason Owen	216	Padelford Seth	111
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Paine Amasa*	115
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Paine Daniel*	328
Mauran Abby	62	Palmer Fannie	609
Mauran Joseph	243	Palmer John B.*	500
Mauran Suchet	132	Parkhurst William H.	155
Mauran Suchet, 2d	330	Parsons Charles W.	35
Mead Marshal B.	508	Parsons Usher	375
Merrill William S.	314	Patten Joseph H.	239
Merriman Charles H.	537	Patten William S.	237
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Paul Sidney S.	614
Metcalf Edwin	254	Payne Abraham	497
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Payton Eliza J.	264
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Pearce Edward	185
Metcalf Joseph G.	69	Pearce Edward, Jr.	421
Miles Amanda	118	Pearce Edward D.	321
Miller Charles T.	443	Pearce Thomas*	30
Miller Frederick	518	Pearson Luther	23
Miller Lewis L.	146	Peck Allen O.	211
Mitchel John A.	603	Peck George B.	376
Mitchell Thomas L.	452	Peckham Edward L.	481
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mowry Martha H.	104	Peckham Joseph C.*	319
Mowry Scott W.	300	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mowry William G. R.	10	Peckham Thomas*	22
Murray Robert, Jr.	524	Peirce Fenelon A.	523
		Peirce John	413
Newcomb Rhoda*	362	Peirce Kate L.	170
Nichols Charles A.	613	Perry Amos	458

Perry Herbert L.	247	Salisbury Samuel S.*	425
Phillips Thomas	378	Sawyer John W.	435
Pierce Asa*	218	Shaw Allen	251
Pierce William G.	422	Shaw Charles A.	454
Pitman Henry	197	Shaw Emma Graves	377
Pitman John*	63	Shaw John M.	154
Pitman Joseph S.	424	Shaw Mary A.	587
Pond Charles G.	225	Shearman Sylvester G.*	308
Porter Emery M.	80	Sheldon Francis J.	158
Potter Charles*	55	Sheldon Nicholas	188
Potter William H.	139	Shepard Thomas P.	385
Power Street Meth. Epis. Church	361	Simmons James F.* (Johnston)	13
Pratt Peter*	17	Simmons James S.	291
Pratt William H.	495	Simmons W. Seabury	607
		Simons Aaron	325
Randolph George	606	Slater John 2d*	11
Randolph John R.	521	Slater William S.	621
Randolph Thomas L.	200	Slocum Jonathan L.	463
Rathbone George S.	210	Smith Amos D.	101
Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Smith Charles Morris	449
Read Francis	434	Smith James Y.	504
Read James H., 2 shares	84, 432	Smith John W.	215
Reynolds James	3	Smith S. Sterry*	90
Reynolds John*	320	Snow William C.	275
Reynolds William H.	415	Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Sprague Amasa	293
Rhodes James T.	232	Stafford Robert R.	100
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Staples William R.	181
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Stayner Sarah Hood	569
Rice Howard M.	479	Stead Thomas J.*	249
Richardson Henry	231	Steere Gilbert M.	428
Richmond Frank E.	157	Steere Jonah	420
Richmond George M.*	46	Steere Thomas E.	16
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Stockwell Thomas B.	199
Richmond Street Cong. Society	494	Stone Alfred	417
Rickard R. R.	43	Sutton Edward	335
Rider Sidney S.	381	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Ripley James M.	28	Sweet Joseph	276
Rivers Mary	531	Sweet William	610
Robinson Charles P.	459		
Robinson William A.	489	Taft Cyrus	161
Rodman William M.	196	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Rogers Henry A.	57	Taft Orray*	59
Rogers Horatio*	400	Taft Royal C.	465
Rogers Joseph	301	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Russell Hope B. Ives	3	Tallman William*	372
		Taylor Daniel A., 2 shares	311, 534
Sabin Charles	201	Taylor John H.	87
Sacket Adnah*	317	Temple William	436
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tetlow Asenath	600
Salisbury Levi	575	Thayer Euclid C.	386

Thomas George B.	501	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Thomas Hiram H.	370	Warner James M.*	138
Thompson John C., Jr.	365	Waterman Emily	180
Thurber Edmund	509	Waterman Henry	278
Thurber Lucy	281	Waterman Resolved	41
Thurston B. F.	356	Waterman Rufus	277
Tibbitts Mary R.	227	Waterman William H.	240
Tibbitts William W.*	552	Watson Mathew*	27
Tillinghast Charles E.	516	Wayland Francis*	236
Tillinghast James	272	Weeden Benjamin D	99
Tillinghast Sophia S.	74	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Proy.)	394
Tingley Albert H.	177	Weeden William B.	522
Tingley Edmund W.	124	Weeden William G.	246
Tingley Henry	297	Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
Tobey John F.	462	Wheaton Samuel B.*	440
Tobey Samuel Boyd*	66	Wheeler Bennett W.	382
Torrey Moses E.	384	Wheeler Charles H.	18
Townsend William C.	122	Whittaker C. Earle	271
Tripp Benjamin	61	Whittaker Henry C.	121
Truman Nathan	248	Whittaker Josiah	383
Turner John	327	Whittaker William	60
Tyler Solomon	64	White Addison H.	136
Updike Cæsar Augustus	611	Whitney Patrick	543
Updike Walter W.*	478	Wilbour Joshua	542
Utley Leander*	242	Wilcox Stephen Jr.	354
Vaughan Daniel W.	98	Williams William G.	298
Vinton E. Dyer*	220	Witherell Alice R.	147
Walcott Edward	48	Woodbury Augustus	557
		Woods Marshall, 3 shares	145, 359, 490

607 owners of one share each.....	607
6 " two shares each.....	12
1 " three shares.....	3
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3. ADAMS, W. T. (*Oliver Optic*.) Breaking away; or, the fortunes of a student. Bost., 1868. 16°.
4. ——— Dikes and ditches; or, young America in Holland and Belgium. Bost., 1868. 12°.
5. ——— Seek and find; or, the adventures of a smart boy. Bost., 1868. 15°.
6. ——— The starry flag; or, the young fisherman of Cape Ann. Bost., 1868. 16°.
7. ——— The way of the world. Bost., 1867. 12°.
8. AGASSIZ, L. J. R. and E. C. A journey in Brazil. Bost., 1868. 8°.
9. ALGER, H., jr. Ragged Dick; or, street life in New York with the boot-blacks. Bost., [1868]. 12°.
10. ALGER, W. R. The friendships of women. Bost., 1868. 16°.
11. ANCIENT Syriac document, purporting to be the record of the second synod of Ephesus; an attempt at an entire reproduction in fac-simile characters, and at a translation, by S. G. F. Perry. Part I. Oxford, 1867. 4°.
12. ANGUS, J. Bible hand-book; an introduction to the study of sacred scripture. Revised ed. Phila., s. a. 12°.
13. ANTONINUS, M. Aurelius. Golden booke of Marcus Aurelius, emperour, and eloquent oratour. Tr. out of the French by John Bouchier, lord Barners. Lond., 1573. 16°. Black letter.
14. ARNOLD, H. P. The great exhibition, with continental sketches. N. Y., 1868. 16°.
15. ARNOLD, I. N. History of Abraham Lincoln and the overthrow of slavery. Chicago, 1866. 8°.
16. ARNOLD, M. New poems. Bost., 1867. 16°.
17. AUERBACH, B. On the heights. Tr. by F. E. Bunnett. Bost., 1868. 16°.
18. BADEAU, A. Military history of Ulysses S. Grant, from April, 1861, to April, 1865. Vol. 1st. N. Y., 1868. 8°.

1. BAKER, Sir S. W. The Nile tributaries of Abyssinia, and the sword hunters of the Hamran Arabs. Lond., 1867. 8°.
2. BANIM, M., *editor*. [Novels and tales] by the O'Hara family. N. Y., 1865-'67. 7 vols. 12°. *Contents*. Vol. 1. The croppy. 2. Peep of day; Crohoore of the billhook. 3. Boyne water. 4. The denounced. 5. The mayor of Wind-gap; and Canvassing. 6. Peter of the castle; and the fetches. 7. The bit o' writin' [and other stories].
3. BAPTIST (The) quarterly. Vol. 1. Phila., 1867. 8°. (*Continued*.)
4. BARING-GOULD, S. Curious myths of the middle ages. Bost., 1867. 16°.
5. ——— The same. Second series. Phila., 1868. 16°.
6. BARNES, A. Lectures on the evidences of christianity in the nineteenth century. N. Y., 1868. 12°.
7. ——— Notes critical, explanatory and practical on the Book of Psalms. Vol. 1. N. Y., 1868. 12°.
8. BARRY, A. Life and works of Sir Charles Barry, R. A. Lond., 1867. 8°.
9. BARTLETT, J. Familiar quotations. Fifth ed. Bost., 1868. 16°.
10. BEECHER, H. W. Norwood; or, village life in New England. N. Y., 1868. 12°.
11. ——— Prayers from Plymouth pulpit, phonographically reported. N. Y., 1867. 12°.
12. BELLOWS, H. W. The old world in its new face. Impressions of Europe in 1867-8. Vol. 1. N. Y., 1868. 12°.
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18. BOYNTON, C. B. History of the navy during the rebellion. Illustrated. N. Y., 1867-8. 2 vols. 8°.
19. BRACHVOGEL, A. E. Beaumarchais. From the German, by T. J. Radford. N. Y., 1868. 8°.
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21. ——— Charlotte's inheritance. N. Y., 1868. 8°.
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23. BRADLEY, E. (*Cuthbert Bede*). The white wife, with other stories. Lond., 1868. 16°.
24. BREMER, F. Life, letters, and posthumous works, ed. by C. Bremer. Tr. by F. Milow. The poetry marked with an asterisk tr. by E. Nonnen. N. Y., 1868. 16°.
25. BRINTON, D. G. Myths of the new world; a treatise on the symbolism of the red race of America. N. Y., 1868. sm. 8°.
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30. BROWNE, A. G., *jr.* Sketch of the official life of John A. Andrew. Added [his] valedictory address, Jan. 5, 1866. N. Y., 1868. 16°.
31. BUCKNILL, J. C. The mad folk of Shakespeare 2d ed. Lond., 1867. sm. 8°.

1. BUNSEN, C. C. J., *baron*. God in history; or, the progress of man's faith in the moral order of the world. From the German by S. Winkworth. Preface by A. P. Stanley. Vols. 1, 2. Lond., 1868. 8°.
2. ——— Memoir. Drawn chiefly from family papers, by F. baroness Bunsen. Phila., 1868. 2 vols. 8°.
3. BURGESS, G., *bp. of Maine*. Poems. Hartford, 1868. 8°.
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5. CATLIN, G. Life amongst the Indians. A book for youth. N. Y., 1867. 16°.
6. CERVANTES, Saavedra, M. de. *Galatea*. Tr. by G. W. J. Gyll. Lond., 1867. sm. 8°.
7. CHADBOURNE, P. A. Lectures on natural theology, del. before the Lowell institute. N. Y., 1867. 12°.
8. CHANNING, G. G. Early recollections of Newport, R. I., 1793-1811. Newport, 1868. { 16°.
9. CHARLES, Mrs. E. On both sides of the sea. N. Y., 1867. 12°.
10. CHASUBLE, *archdeacon, pseud.* Comedy of convocation in the English church. In two scenes. N. Y., 1868. 8°.
11. CHILD life in Italy, a story of six years abroad. Bost., 1866. 16°.
12. CHILD, G. C. Benedicite, illustrations of the power, wisdom, and goodness of God. N. Y., 1867. 12°.
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14. CHURCH, Mrs. R., *formerly Miss Murryatt*. Nelly Brooke. Bost., s. a. 8°.
15. CLASSICAL journal; ed. by A. J. Valpy. Lond., 1810-1829. 41 vols. 8°.
16. COLLINS, W. The moonstone, a novel. N. Y., 1868. 8°.
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

OCTOBER 2, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM
TO THE PROPRIETORS:
SUBMITTED
OCTOBER 2, 1869.

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1869-70.

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R E P O R T .

THE Board of Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, present to the Corporation their thirty-fourth Annual Report.

Immediately after the annual meeting of the Corporation, in September, 1868, the organization of the Board was completed by the election of the regular officers, and the choice of the usual committees. The Board of Directors then proceeded to reäppoint as Librarian, and Assistant Librarian, Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, and Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., who had filled these offices with so much acceptance. The Directors regret to say that, at a subsequent period, Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr. having accepted a similar position with the Massachusetts Historical Society, this Institution was deprived of his valuable services. In parting with him, the Board of Directors desire to place on record their appreciation of his uniform fidelity and courtesy.

The position thus rendered vacant was immediately filled by the election of Mr. William W. Bailey.

It is the melancholy duty of the Board to announce that one of their number, Tully D. Bowen, Esq., has been removed by death. Mr. Bowen rendered this Institution long and efficient service, especially in his capacity as member of the Committee on Accounts. The great experience and sagacity of Mr. Bowen gave unusual weight to his judgment in all practical concerns.

It will be remembered, that, among the gifts presented to the Athenæum, some years since, by Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., was an elegant malachite table, which never failed to arrest the attention of every visitor. It became subsequently a source of the greatest regret to the Board, that, with every precaution, it was impossible to protect this costly piece of furniture from injury. On being made aware of this, the donor very generously proposed to receive the table back, giving the Athenæum the equivalent of its value in books from his private collection. In recognition, however, of his other valuable donations, the Directors decided, at once, to return the table without conditions. On being informed of this decision, Mr. Billings enclosed his check to the Treasurer for five hundred dollars. At the same time, he added another to the valuable paintings which he had previously presented. The Directors cannot forbear to add, that the cordial interest in the Institution, thus manifested, has a value far beyond the amount of the immediate gift. Such enlarged and active sympathy must always constitute the source of its soundest growth.

The past year deserves, perhaps, to be regarded as the most eventful in the history of the Athenæum, on account of the very important modifications that have been made in its interior arrangements. The reasons which rendered it imperative to undertake these expensive changes have been

already presented to the Corporation ; and the work was, in part, commenced before the last annual meeting. After long and careful deliberation, a plan of alteration, submitted by Mr. James C. Bucklin, was decided on, and the necessary contracts were made on terms securing the completion of the whole work within the amount covered by subscription. The responsible duty of superintending these alterations and improvements was entrusted, by the Board of Directors, to a special committee of their own number, consisting of Messrs. William S. Patten, Alexander Farnum, Henry T. Cornett, Royal C. Taft and Charles A. Nichols. Under the faithful supervision of this committee, the work was prosecuted with all possible speed. The Committee were also greatly aided by the Librarian, who, during the period that his ordinary official duties were suspended, rendered most unremitting and laborious service in other ways. The labor of re arranging a library of thirty thousand volumes can be fairly appreciated only by such as have undertaken it.

The library was closed, for the delivery of books, on the 20th of September, 1868, and was re opened on the 18th of February, 1869, during which interval all the proposed alterations had been completed. It was found that while the workmen were engaged in the upper hall, there was no other way of securing the books from injury than by storing them carefully in the rooms below. It was a source of the utmost satisfaction to discover, after the books had been replaced in the new alcoves, that none were injured, and only two or three, and those of very little value, lost. Such a gratifying result could hardly have been secured had the library been transferred to other quarters and kept open during the period that the alterations were going on. While it was a matter of much regret to the Directors that the shareholders

should have been debarred, for so many weeks, from the enjoyment of privileges which they had learned to estimate so highly, they yet felt assured that no complaint would be made when the nature and extent of the alterations came to be understood. So far as the Board are aware, there was but one expression of opinion when the Athenæum was once more thrown open to its friends; and they have every reason to believe that the subscribers to the fund, without exception, applaud the application that has been made of their contributions.

In taking into consideration the alterations that have been made, the fact should be borne in mind, that the commodious and substantial edifice, now occupied by the Athenæum, was originally planned to accommodate three separate institutions,—the Athenæum, the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Franklin Society. To the Franklin Society was allotted, on certain terms, the entire basement story, which, so far as its internal arrangements were concerned, was constructed under their direction, and, for ten years, occupied by them. The Rhode Island Historical Society were accommodated in the east room of the upper story, and for this purpose a solid partition wall of stone was built, dividing that apartment from the other portions of the building. An independent entrance from College street was also part of the original plan. Although the Historical Society subsequently waived their right to any occupancy of the building, preferring to erect an edifice exclusively for their own collections, the solid partition wall remained as a memorial of the original plan, and as no slight impediment to any modification of the interior arrangements. In the same way, the inconvenient steps, by which the main entrance is still reached, recall the time when the Athenæum was wholly

excluded from the basement. As the Athenæum has gradually come into possession of the entire building, successive attempts have been made to obviate the ill effects of the original disposition of the rooms, but until the recent improvements were undertaken, no comprehensive scheme was ever adopted for securing anything like architectural unity. As the library increased, the books were dispersed in different rooms, and both convenience and elegance were sacrificed. It has been the aim of the Board of Directors, in the changes recently made, to obviate, so far as possible, these defects, and to give to the Athenæum an internal aspect more adequately conformed to the extent and value of its literary treasures. The amount of money at their disposal was not sufficient to enable them to overcome every difficulty, and in each improvement that has been made, they were obliged to keep continually in view a wise economy. With every effort on the part of the Committee appointed to superintend the work, the entire expense was found to exceed by a very small sum the original estimate. It should, however, be said, that this excess arises from the necessity of providing new carpeting and furniture, an expenditure that should not properly be reckoned in the special outlay for alterations. The Report of the Committee on Alterations and Improvements is appended in full.

From the annual report of the Treasurer, it appears that the total receipts of the year, including the balance on hand September 28, 1868, were \$6,399.89. The expenditures, during the same period, amounted to \$4,767.36. Of this sum \$2,450 were for salaries; \$208.04 for binding; \$105.05 for advertising and printing; \$231.84 for repairs and furniture; \$180 for fuel; \$79.96 for insurance, and \$127.44 for station-

ery, postage, gas and sundries. The amount devoted to the direct increase of the library is \$934.89 ; a sum considerably smaller than last year. This is owing to the fact that, during the time that the library was closed, no new purchases of books were made.

A novel item in the expenditure of the past year is the city tax of \$400.04. This has been paid by the Treasurer under protest. Should it be insisted on, it will form, in the future, a large addition to our annual outlay. It is to be hoped that the City Government, upon consideration, will not depart from the liberal policy which they have pursued for so many years.

The expense of the alterations and improvements has been wholly met by a special subscription for that purpose. The amount subscribed has been very slightly exceeded. A complete statement of the amount subscribed and expended will be found in the Treasurer's report.

From the report of the Librarian it will be seen that, as before stated, the Athenæum was first opened, for the delivery of books, on the 18th of February ; and the books called in, for the annual examination, on September 20th ; there being only 181 days on which books were given out, and a good portion of that period the dullest season, when many of the shareholders, with their families, were absent from the city. As might be expected under such circumstances, there is a great falling off in the number of books added, as well as of those circulated.

The whole increase of the library, for the year, is four hundred and seventy-five volumes, and one hundred and ninety-six pamphlets. Of the volumes, 303 were added by purchase, 47 by donation, and 125 by the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. The additions consist of

Folios,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Quartos,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	227
Duodecimos and under,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	209
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The number of volumes in the library, at the rendering of the last annual report, was 30,566. The whole number of volumes in the library at present is, therefore, according to the catalogue, 31,041. From this number must be deducted, of course, those annually lost or worn out. Of the pamphlets, 15 were acquired by purchase, and 181 received from donations. The Hon. Henry B. Anthony and Hon. Thomas A. Jenckes, our Senator and Representative in Congress, have given valuable public documents, the receipt of which is gratefully acknowledged. Crawford Allen, Esq., has laid us under further obligations by the gift of the second series of "*L'Architecture privée au XIX^e Siècle*," par César Daly, the first series having been received from him at a former period. The thanks of the Athenæum are also tendered to the persons and institutions enumerated below for their gifts of volumes and pamphlets:—

Charles Aplin,
D. Appleton & Co.,
Henry Barnard, Commissioner of Education,
A. Bayne, Montreal, C.,
Gustave Bossange, Paris,
Samuel W. Brown, City Clerk,
Thomas H. Canfield, Burlington, Vt.,
Henry A. DeWitt, Agent of A. & W. Sprague Man. Co., Augusta, Me.,
Thomas A. Doyle,
Reuben A. Guild,

William T. Harris, St. Louis,
Frederic H. Hedge, Jr.,
J. D. Hedge,
James M. Hoppin, New Haven,
O. O. Howard, Bureau of Refugees,
George B. Jewett, Salem, Mass.,
Joseph Mauran,
L. Prang & Co.,
Publishers of "The Medical Record,"
New York,
Isaac Ray, Philadelphia,
John H. Rauch, Chicago,

Sabin & Sons, New York,	Trustees of Boston Public Library,
John L. Sibley, Harvard University,	Trustees of the Butler Hospital for the
Edwin M. Snow,	Insane,
A. R. Spofford, Library of Congress,	Trustees of the Free Public Library,
J. N. Thomas,	Worcester,
William H. Townsend,	Trustees of the Manchester Public Li-
Henry Villard, Secretary American	brary,
[Social Science] Association,	Trustees of the Museum of Compara-
Henry F. Walling, Bordentown, N. J.,	tive Zoology, Harvard University,
American Antiquarian Society.	Trustees of the Public Library of Cin-
American Missionary Society,	cinnati,
American Peace Society,	Trustees of the Public Library of
Detroit Young Men's Society,	Taunton,
Hartford Young Men's Society,	United States, Treasury Department,
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of	Wilmington Institute,
Troy, N. Y.	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
Republican National Committee,	sociation of Buffalo,
Rhode Island Society for the Encour-	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
agement of Domestic Industry,	sociation of Cincinnati.
State of Rhode Island,	

The whole number of volumes given out during the time
the library was open, was - - - - - 12,527

Works of Fiction and Juvenile Books,	- 7,410
Biography and History,	- 1,282
Poetry and Belle Lettres,	- 1,040
Voyages and Travels,	- 691
Arts, Science and Law,	- 609
Religion and Philosophy,	- 575
Periodicals,	- 548
Miscellaneous Literature,	- 372
	<hr/> 12,527

The largest number given out in any month was in
March, being 2,285. But the average for the nine days of
February was much larger.

The greatest number issued in any one day was on February 18th, being 197.

The whole number of shares used was 552.

The whole number of shares issued at the beginning of the year was 622. Nine new shares have been sold during the year, making the present number 631.

The imperative necessity of securing increased accommodations for our constantly increasing library was the chief motive that led to the extensive alterations to which the attention of the Corporation has been directed in this report. It is, therefore, a source of peculiar satisfaction to the Directors, in concluding this report, to be able to congratulate the proprietors of the Athenæum, of being put in possession, through the liberality of some of their number, of a building that promises to answer, for many years, to all their wants. If we include the alcoves in the Reading Room, which may be used to advantage for books of a special character, the Athenæum now provides ample shelf room for at least seventy thousand volumes. Nor is this all. It may also boast an elegant and admirably lighted room, in which its valuable collection is displayed to full advantage, and made easily accessible. Never before has the library seemed so attractive. A careful examination has shown that it will not suffer by comparison with any similar collection. It has already attained a size which gives it prominence among the public institutions which are the just boast of our prosperous community, and the large amount of capital already invested in it affords the surest pledge of its future permanence and growth. The influence for good which it exerts can hardly admit of estimate.

On the other hand, the Directors cannot but be equally aware that the wants of such an institution as the Athenæum

are continually enlarging with its means. Our library now numbers a little more than thirty thousand volumes, and we have fine accommodation for more than twice that number. The more pains we take to display our literary treasures, the more apparent are our deficiencies. In certain departments, more especially in those of modern German and French literature, we are sadly behind the times. The Directors cherish the hope that our vacant alcoves will not be allowed to appeal in vain to the liberal friends of the institution. It would be impossible to supply these deficiencies, even in the most imperfect manner, from the ordinary funds at the disposal of the Library Committee, since these are every year exhausted in striving to keep pace with current English publications. For valuable editions of standard authors, in our own or in foreign languages, as well as for additions to our small but choice collection of works of art, we shall be obliged to depend upon the public spirit and discriminating liberality of individuals. It is earnestly to be desired that the meagre sum which we are able to expend, each year, in the purchase of new books may prove, in the future, no measure of the increase of our library, and that the good example that has been set us so often, in some of our sister cities, of the presentation, by individuals, of rare and costly private collections, will not lack imitators in this community. These collections have become, in some cases, the pride and ornament of the institution to whose keeping they have been committed, and must ever remain the cherished memorials of names which posterity will not willingly let die. Surely, the abundant resources with which some are blessed can never be put to a more graceful use. And in a city justly famed for the extent and richness of its private libraries, it is surely not unreasonable to hope that the claims of the Athenæum will not be for-

gotten. The Directors commend to all its friends a thoughtful consideration of the question, how far each one may contribute towards thus enlarging its attractions and its usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

OCTOBER 2, 1869.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

To the Board of Directors of the Athenæum, in Providence, September 24, 1869 :—

The Committee for altering the interior of the Athenæum report :—

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held July 20, 1868, William S. Patten, Alexander Farnum, Henry T. Cornett, Royal C. Taft and Charles H. Nichols, were appointed a committee to contract for and to superintend the alterations and improvements of the interior of the Athenæum, which were adopted and ordered by the stockholders, by vote passed the 25th day of February, 1867, for the purpose of greatly increasing the library accommodations.

The Committee organized on the 21st July, appointing William S. Patten, Chairman, and Alexander Farnum, Secretary, and employed James C. Bucklin, the architect, whose plans of the alterations had been adopted, to make the necessary specifications and working drawings, and to superintend the execution of the work.

Proposals were invited by advertisements in the *Daily Journal*, *Press* and *Herald*, and resulted in a contract with Trask & Horton, master builders, and Ernest J. F. Barton,

painter and decorator. The work was begun early in September following, and was continued, with reasonable diligence, to its completion, in February last.

It gives the Committee pleasure to say, that the work has been satisfactorily performed by all those who have been employed; the alterations are found to be well adapted to the wants of the library; that they greatly improve the appearance of the Athenæum, and receive the commendations of the proprietors.

The Committee have received great help in the work from the constant presence and assiduous labors of Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, the Librarian, and Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., the Assistant Librarian at the time.

The alterations and improvements have somewhat exceeded in extent and in cost the original plan and estimates. They were expected to cost about \$7,000—to be paid for by voluntary subscriptions.

Actual cost has been	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,934.79
Amount received on subscription,					-	7,722.00
Interest on deposit,					-	34.92
Deficiency paid from general fund,					-	177.87
					—————	7,934.79

The necessity for new carpeting, the more extensive arrangements for lighting, additional furniture and other minor matters, have caused the difference.

The Treasurer's account, which will be presented at the Proprietors' annual meeting, will contain a specific statement of the names and amounts of contributors, and of the items of the expenditures for the alterations and improvements; and also a classified statement of the expenditures under such

different heads as will be found convenient for explanation or reference.

The Athenæum owes a debt of permanent gratitude to the many liberal contributors of the means for making these desirable improvements; and great credit is also due to Mr. Henry T. Cornett, whose successful labors obtained a large amount of the subscriptions, and who, with perseverance not yet exhausted, is hopeful of increasing it to the extent of the balance not now protected by subscription.

The library was closed on the 21st of September, 1868, for the usual annual examination of books, and was not reöpened until the 18th of February, 1869, at which date the work had been finished, and the library sufficiently prepared for use.

WM. S. PATTEN,

Chairman.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE ALTERATIONS OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM.

George J. Adams,	\$50 00	Dexter B. Lewis,	50 00
Charles Akerman,	50 00	Henry Lippitt,	100 00
Crawford Allen,	250 00	Christopher Lippitt,	50 00
Zachariah Allen,	30 00	Moses B. Lockwood,	50 00
Henry Anthony,	50 00	Earl P. Mason,	250 00
Henry B. Anthony,	20 00	John H. Ormsbee,	25 00
John B. Anthony,	20 00	Seth Padelford,	25 00
Stephen H. Arnold,	10 00	Mrs. Daniel Paine,	50 00
Amos C. Barstow,	250 00	Abraham Payne,	25 00
Henry T. Beckwith,	50 00	Amelia F. Palmer,	500 00
Tully D. Bowen,	150 00	William S. Patten,	25 00
Charles H. B. Bowen,	100 00	Edward Pearce,	50 00
John Carter Brown,	1000 00	Samuel W. Peckham,	25 00
Thomas Brown,	25 00	Charles P. Robinson,	5 00
Julia Bullock,	50 00	Mrs. Anna Richmond, Trustee,	200 00
Frank Butts,	10 00	G. A. Richards,	10 00
Alexis Caswell,	25 00	Howard M. Rice,	5 00
Charles E. Carpenter,	20 00	F. H. Richmond,	25 00
Henry R. Chace,	5 00	William H. Reynolds,	10 00
George W. Chapin,	50 00	James T. Rhodes,	100 00
John F. Chapin,	25 00	William S. Slater,	100 00
Charles T. Child,	20 00	A. & W. Sprague,	500 00
George H. Corliss,	200 00	H. N. Slater, Jr.,	50 00
William Corliss,	35 00	Nicholas Sheldon,	10 00
James M. Cross,	25 00	Lucian Sharpe,	20 00
Henry T. Cornett,	50 00	James Y. Smith & Nichols,	50 00
William H. Dart,	5 00	Amos D. Smith,	250 00
Samuel R. Dorrance,	10 00	Charles Morris Smith,	30 00
Thomas Davis,	50 00	J. Lippitt Snow,	25 00
David Duncan,	200 00	Thomas P. Shepard,	20 00
John H. Eddy,	10 00	Henry J. Steere,	25 00
Lyman B. Frieze,	20 00	Thomas E. Steere,	5 00
John Gorham,	50 00	Royal C. Taft,	50 00
Charlotte R. Goddard,	250 00	Daniel A. Taylor,	50 00
Thomas P. I. Goddard,	50 00	James Tillinghast,	10 00
William Gammell,	50 00	Charles L. Thomas,	20 00
Albert S. Gallup,	25 00	C. Earle Whitaker,	5 00
J. Dunham Hedge,	25 00	William B. Weeden,	50 00
Henry A. Hidden,	20 00	Marshall Woods,	250 00
C. Fiske Harris,	100 00	William Whitaker,	25 00
Thomas J. Hill,	50 00	Rufus Waterman,	20 00
Robert H. Ives,	1000 00	Cash, 10, 10 and 7,	27 00
John D. Jones,	20 00	Interest on deposits,	34 92
Henry L. Kendall,	25 00		
John Kingsbury,	20 00		
			<hr/> 7,756 92

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON
ACCOUNT OF ALTERATIONS OF PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM.

EXPENDITURES.

For carpenter's work.....	\$5,476.20
For painting	968.65
For gas fixtures	466.80
For matting.....	331.56
For architect's services	300.00
For gas piping	143.42
For furniture.....	60.00
For mason work.....	47.50
For labor of moving books and furniture	63.15
For wire screens for water pipes.....	30.74
For repairs on water pipes	37.55
For repairs of busts and marbles.....	9.22
	\$7,934.79

RECEIPTS.

For amount of subscriptions, as per alphabetical list	7,722.00
Interest on deposits for this account.....	34.92
Deficiency paid from the general fund.....	177.87
	\$7,934 79

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, October 2, 1869.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 28, 1868.....\$727.26

R E C E I P T S .

For nine shares sold at \$15.....	\$135.00
For tax assessed September 28th, 1868, collected on 603 shares	3,015.00
For tax assessed September 23d, 1867, collected on 4 shares..	20.00
For two shares sold for taxes	16.00
For Fines collected.....	4.94
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin.....	1,981.69
Donation from Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq... ..	500.00
	5,672.63
	\$6,399.89

E X P E N D I T U R E S .

For books.....	530.63
For periodicals.....	404.26
For binding books.....	208.04
For salaries.....	2,450.00
For fuel.....	180.00
For gas....	33.53
For insurance..	79.96
For city tax.....	400.04
For stationery	23.85
For express, postage and stamps.....	24.16
For advertising and printing.....	155.05
For repairs and furniture.....	231.84
For sundries	45.90
For cost of alterations above amount subscribed.....	177.87
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank	1,454.76
	6,399.89

The Corporation has invested funds consisting of—

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	\$1,850.00
63 shares in the American National Bank, par value.....	3,150.00
7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5.20s.....	19,500.00
	\$24,500.00

The number of shares issued September 28, 1868, was.....622

The number issued this year..... 9

Whole number of shares.....631

Tax unpaid on nineteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 27th, 1869.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

OCTOBER 2, 1869.

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Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
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Allen Zachariah	8	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
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Anthony Henry	44	Barstow E. R.	369
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Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Amos N.	445
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Blake Joseph M.	530	Calder Albert L.	274
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Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke James M.	501
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Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon Henry R.	514
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Downes L. T.	448	Goodwin Daniel	315
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Gorham Jabez	45
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Duncan Alexander	12	Gorton Charles	355
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Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Cornelia E.	429
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Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Hutchins Sterns	175
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Harkness Albert	357	Ives Robert H.	4
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Harris Avis L.	457	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris Cyrus	221	Jastram Henry M.	141
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Harris Samuel B.	133	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Stephen	391	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris Thomas	353	Jenkins William*	5
Harrison Joseph	626	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hart Charles	553	Johnson William S.	329
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones Edward S.	512
Hawes Amos B.	207	Jones John D.	472
Hayes Wingate	93	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hayward Thomas W.	563		
Hazard Edward H.	583	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hazard George P.	529	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
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Heap James	439	Kendall Henry L.	88
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Mason Henry W.	285	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mason John N.	222	Pabodie Charles A.	96
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Mauran Joseph	243	Palmer Fannie	609
Mauran Suchet	132	Palmer John B.*	500
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Merrill William S.	314	Parkhurst William H.	155
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Metcalf Edwin	254	Patten Joseph H.	239
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Pitman John*	63	Shaw John M.	154
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Randolph John R.	521	Smith James Y.	504
Randolph Thomas L.	200	Smith John W.	215
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Reynolds John*	320	Staples William R.*	181
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Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Steere Gilbert M.	428
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Steere Jonah	420
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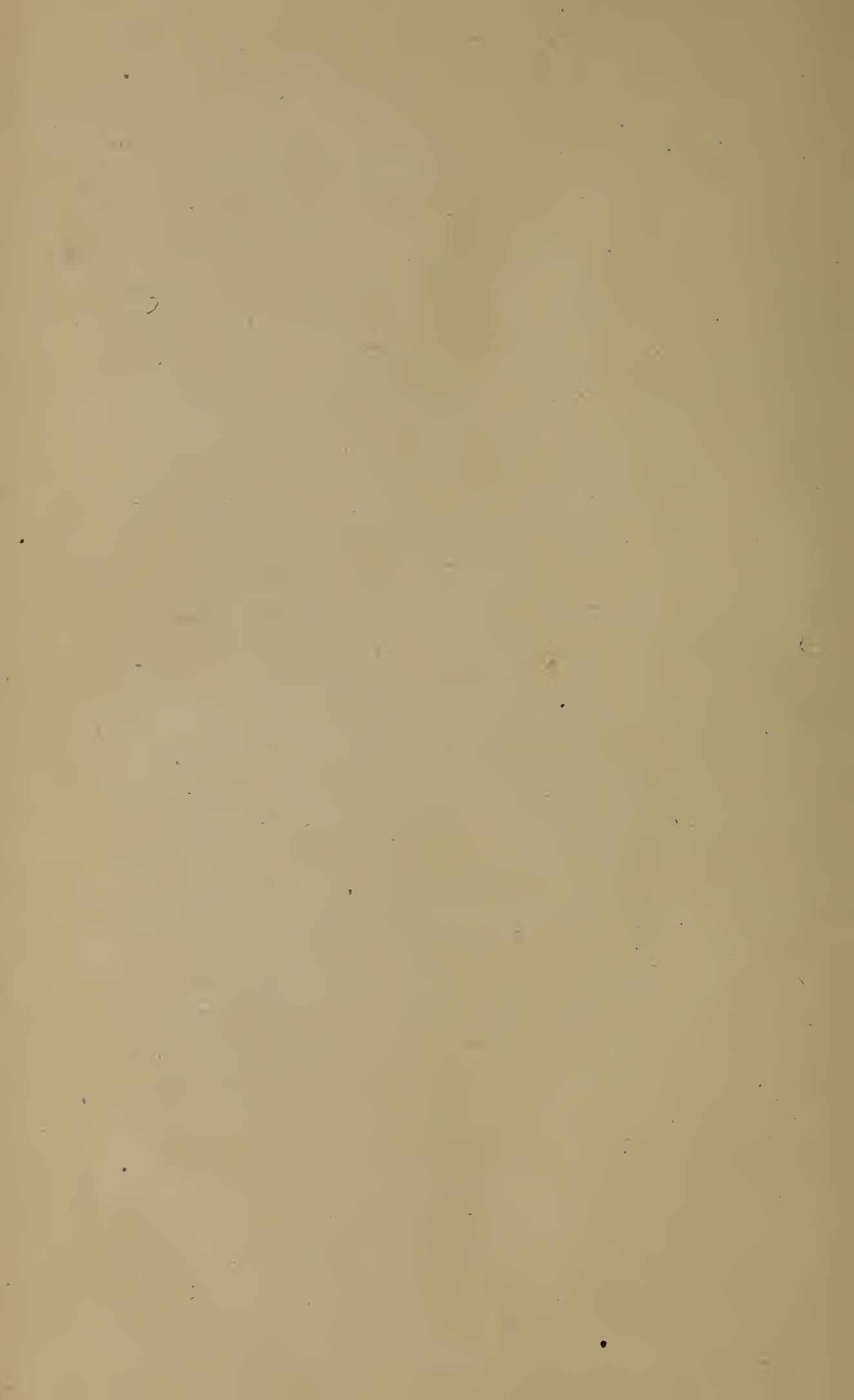
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REPORT.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, herewith present to the Corporation their thirty-fifth Annual Report.

The organization of the Board was completed immediately after the last Annual Meeting of the Corporation by the election of the regular officers, and the appointment of the usual Committees. Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, and Mr. William W. Bailey were re-appointed to the respective offices of Librarian, and Assistant Librarian.

The question of what would be the best method of increasing the interest of the public in the Institution and of diffusing more widely its benefits has frequently engaged the consideration of the Board.

In consequence of a suggestion looking to this end, a Committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of advertising in the city newspapers, from time to time, the additions to the Library. The report of the Committee was adverse to the incurring of the expense which such advertisement would involve.

The state of the Treasury seeming to warrant a somewhat greater outlay for books than was required by the usual weekly purchases, it was voted to place the sum of \$1000 in

the hands of the Library Committee for special purchase. That sum was accordingly expended upon an invoice of choice and much needed works imported from London and Paris.

The city authorities having insisted upon levying a tax upon the property of the Corporation under an interpretation of the law different from that which has prevailed in former years, a Committee was appointed to take such action in the Courts as they might be advised, to test the question of the liability to pay taxes. The Committee subsequently reported that an act had been passed at a recent session of the General Assembly, exempting from taxation the real and personal property of all incorporated Libraries; thus disposing of all future liabilities, and leaving the question as to taxes already imposed to be settled by the Supreme Court.

Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., to whose benefactions the Athenæum has been heretofore largely indebted, has during the year added to our obligations by the gift of a valuable collection of German works, including those of Goethe and Schiller complete, and numbering in all about forty volumes, for which special acknowledgment was directed to be returned by the President.

The Committee on Building and Grounds has been authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem advisable for heating and ventilating the building, repairing the roof, and replacing Lightning Rods.

This summary includes all the transactions of the Board of Directors which are deemed of sufficient importance to be noticed in the report.

The Librarian reports that the past year has, on the whole, been a prosperous one for the Athenæum, both as regards the growth of the Library, and the greater appreciation of its value by the public, as indicated by an enlarged circulation. The

additions, though not so large as in some former years, are greater than in any year since 1860. The whole increase amounts to nine hundred and twenty-five volumes, and one hundred and sixty pamphlets. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase,	- - - - -	705
By gift,	- - - - -	103
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets,	-	117
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		925

The additions consists of

Folios,	- - - - -	15
Quartos,	- - - - -	44
Octavos,	- - - - -	509
Duodecimos and under,	- - - - -	327
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		925

Of the pamphlets, 86 were received by gift, and 74 obtained by purchase. Nearly half of the books were procured from abroad on an order made up by the Library Committee, early in the winter, and consist of the valuable foreign works before alluded to.

The whole number of volumes given out during the year is 22,902.

Works of Fiction and Juvenile Books,	-	13,032
Biography and History,	- - -	2,753
Poetry and Belle Letters,	- - -	1,693
Voyages and Travels,	- - -	1,157
Arts, Science and Law,	- - -	1,304
Religion and Philosophy,	- - -	1,182
Periodicals,	- - -	1,286
Miscellaneous Literature,	- - -	395
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		22,902

The largest number given out in any month was in March. The number being 2,644.

The greatest number issued in any one day was on March 12th. The number being 216.

The number of shares used was 594. The whole number of shares which had been issued prior to the commencement of the year was 631. Nine new shares have been sold during the year, making the present number 640.

The whole number of volumes in the Library at the presentation of the last report was

31,041

925

The whole number at present is therefore

31,966

The visitors to the Upper Hall of the Athenæum will notice, on their entrance, a new work of art by Mr. William Miller. This is a bronze medallion entitled "Triumviri Americani," representing in bas relief the busts of Washington, Lincoln and Grant: the Father, Saviour and Guardian of our republic, ("Pater 1789, Salvator 1861, Custos 1869.") For this ornament to our Library we are indebted to the liberality of several gentlemen, whose names have not yet been fully reported.

From Mr. Holder Borden Bowen we have received the Chaucer Society publications, for the year 1868 and 1869; a very valuable addition to our collection of English poetry.

Grateful acknowledgments of the Athenæum are tendered to Mr. Bowen, and also to the following donors of volumes and pamphlets:—

LIST OF DONORS.

Crawford Allen,	Walter Wells, Augusta, Me.,
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J. D. Hedge,	couragement of Domestic In-
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Henry M. Rawson, Baltimore, Md.,	ton,
Barnas Sears, Staunton, Va.,	Trustees of Public Library,
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sity,	Young Men's Mercantile Library
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J. N. Thomas,	Association, Cincinnati.

There has been occasion to notice in former Annual Reports the too frequent want of care in the use of the books. Unfortunately the occasion for complaint in this particular has not been wholly removed. In several instances there has been positive abuse by writing upon the margin of volumes, or otherwise defacing them. In a neighboring state it has been deemed necessary to guard against such misconduct by statute, imposing severe penalties for every offence. Perhaps a little vigilance on the part of shareholders would answer the purpose quite as effectually, and prevent the recurrence of so discreditable a complaint.

It appears from the Report of the Treasurer that the total receipts of the year were

Dividends from permanent fund,	-	-	\$1,763.78
Annual assessment,	-	-	3,110.00
Shares sold,	-	-	135.00
Arreages of assessments,	-	-	50.00
Other items,	-	-	40.40
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			\$5,099.18

The balance on hand from the former year was

		1,454.76
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Aggregating,	-	\$6,553.94

The expenditures during the same time were \$6,072.30, of which the sum of \$1,912.82 was for purchase of books and periodicals, and \$188.37 for binding, \$2,375 for salaries, \$225.46 for fuel and light, \$118.25 for advertising and printing, \$105.59 for insurance, stationery and sundries, while \$751.72 was expended upon repairs and furniture, and \$395.09 was required for the city tax.

Of the last two items, one will not again recur, and the other may be considered an extraordinary expense. They together amount to more than the excess of expenditure above the current receipts, though the outlay for additions to the Library has been so much more liberal than usual.

Your Directors' Report for 1868 was supplemented by a special Report of the Librarian, containing a very thorough and suggestive analysis of the Library, from which it appears, among other deficiencies, that the volumes relating to mathematics and the physical sciences comprise only one per cent. of the whole number. It is not to be expected that it should be otherwise than incomplete in some of its departments, but the deficiency in this particular is more marked from the very rapid growth of the taste for this branch of study.

It is true, as it has been in former years, that the circulation of works of this character is very limited. From the report of the various classes of books given out during the year, it appears that works of fiction and juvenile books comprise more than half, while those of a scientific character are few in number. This exhibit, however, does not necessarily indicate the literary taste of the patrons of the Library, nor should it determine the character of the additions to be made to it, as it is certainly far from indicating the general quality of the books, which as appears from the report above mentioned will, in intrinsic value, bear a favorable comparison with most public libraries. It makes no account of the important use of the Library for consultation.

It is a fortunate circumstance that individuals are acquiring increased means of providing for themselves their own books,

and that the improvement in taste keeps pace with the improvement in means.

Probably most of the stockholders have in their own collections a large proportion of the works of a substantial and permanent value that they have the leisure or inclination to study while they and their families depend to a great extent upon the facilities afforded by the Athenæum for the more ephemeral literature.

It may not be out of place to remark here that the great circulation of what are denominated works of fiction does not occasion in us the same solicitude with which it has affected some of our predecessors, as the relation of this to other species of literature has materially changed. We have learned that the historian can use the pen of the poet, and so envelope facts with the creations of fancy that the reader can scarcely be certain of the absolute reality of anything beyond the chronological skeleton, while the writer of fiction sometimes portrays actual life with little that is unreal but names. Happily, romances of the extravagant school, calculated to mislead the judgment and inflame the passions, have in a great measure given place to such as are made useful vehicles for the conveyance of moral truth. This consideration, however, only qualifies our regret that the Library should be so largely used for what we must regard in general as purposes of entertainment rather than solid acquirements.

The domains of human research are extending with great rapidity. The requirements of culture quite keep pace with the growth of private libraries, and while the circle to which the advantages of the Athenæum are accessible is constantly enlarging, the standard of its education should be advancing. Your Directors understand it to be the spirit of the institution to meet those requirements, and to promote a healthful and

improving taste, by furnishing the means of gratifying it to the fullest possible extent. To this end they ask for the means of maintaining its various departments in a condition equal at least to the present, and to supply those deficiencies which are especially apparent. It seems particularly desirable to make the Library rich in such books of reference as from their costliness are beyond the means of many who may have the taste for their perusal. The recent improvements in the convenience of the rooms invite their increased use for purposes of consultation and study.

It is now thirty-four years since the Athenæum began its existence. Its nucleus was formed by the consolidation of two libraries, containing in the aggregate about four thousand volumes. The whole number acquired during the first year was by gift four, and by purchase seventy-eight. Since that time, by a regular and very healthy growth it has progressed to its present size and importance. Its treasures are open to the public to whom its use is practically free, with reasonable restrictions, except so far as relates to the circulation of the books beyond its walls. We say practically free, because the privilege of using the books is neither by law or by usage limited to the stockholders. It is true however, that the public has never by positive enactment acquired a right to any use of the Library whatever, and the question may deserve your consideration whether it would not be for the mutual interest of the institution, and the community that a more intimate and popular relation should be established between them. It has been argued that neither the interest or convenience of stockholders would be injuriously affected, if, with a large hospitality, the use of the rooms and of the books within them should be declared free, with such ample discretionary powers vested in

the Librarian as would be necessary to guard against abuse of the privilege.

The private convenience of stockholders in the enjoyment of the advantages of a circulating library is one of the purposes of the institution, but a subordinate purpose. As a public educator, in some measure representing the culture of Providence, your Directors feel that it has claims upon the good will and liberality of its citizens. Its work may be supplemented and extended by other institutions founded upon different principles, providing for the free circulation of books throughout the community, but the work which the Athenæum has accomplished will remain, and it will still be desirable, as it is now, to make it a collection of the choicest and rarest fruits of literature, such that it shall be an attraction to every scholar and the pride of every citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 26, 1870.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in the Treasury, October 2, 1869.....\$1,454.76

RECEIPTS.

For nine new shares sold at \$15.....	\$135.00	
For tax assessed October 2d, 1869, collected on 622 shares....	3,110.00	
For tax assessed September 28th, 1868, collected on nine shares.....	45.00	
For tax assessed September 23d, 1867, collected on one share	5.00	
For two shares sold for taxes.....	18.00	
For fines collected.....	6.98	
For subscription collected on improvement fund.....	10.00	
For dividends and interest on invested funds, including pre- mium on coin.....	1,763.78	
For books sold.....	5.42	
		5,099.18
		<u>\$6,553.94</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$1,500.55	
For periodicals.....	412.27	
For binding.....	188.37	
For salaries.....	2,375.00	
For fuel.....	96.50	
For gas.....	128.96	
For insurance.....	20.60	
For city tax.....	395.09	
For stationery..	22 03	
For express, postage and stamps.....	27.31	
For advertising and printing.....	118.25	
For repairs and furniture.....	751.72	
For sundries.....	35.60	
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank.....	481.69	
		<u>\$6,553.94</u>

The Corporation has invested funds, consisting of—

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	\$1,850.00
63 shares in the American National Bank, par value.....	3,150.00
7 U. S. Bonds, 6s of 1881 and 5.20s....	19,500.00
	<u>\$24,500.00</u>

The number of shares issued October 2d, 1869, was.....631

The number of new shares issued this year.....9

Whole number of shares.....640

Tax unpaid on nine shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 26th, 1870.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1870.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Arnold S. Augustus	584
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Arnold Stephen (S. C.)	34
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Arnold William R. 2d.	217
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Arnold William S.	388
Allen Charles B.	50	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Allen Crawford	6	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Philip*	9		
Allen Philip, Jr.	256	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Allen Zachariah	8	Bailey William M.	165
Ames Samuel*	171	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Andem Emma W.	490	Baker George	226
Andrews Betsey, executrix,	348	Balch John R.	339
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Walter P.	630	Balch Joseph P.	419
Angell John W.	287	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Anthony Henry	44	Brancroft T. Whiting	210
Anthony Henry B.	414	Barker Frederick A.	520
Anthony John B.	146	Barrett William E.	379
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Barstow Amos C.	97
Aplin Charles	453	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Appleton John H.	120	Barstow John*	310
Armington Asa W.*	289	Bartlett John R.	279
Armington James H.	331	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Armington Matthew W.	83	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Arnold Charles	106	Beckwith Truman	19
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Arnold Frederick W.	200	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Arnold George C.	103	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Arnold John N.	223	Beverly A. E. G.	342

*Deceased.

Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393	Butts David A. (New York.)	182
Billings Ethelbert R.	594	Butts Frank	397
Binney William	558	Butts George W.	597
Blaisdell Alfred O.	451		
Blake Joseph M.	530	Cady Shubael H.	536
Blanding William B.	40	Calder Albert L.	274
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Calder George B.	631
Blodget William P.	387	Caldwell Samuel L.	579
Boon Charles E.	267	Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carnoc William M.	635
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Carpenter Earl*	486
Bourn Robert C.	404	Carpenter Lydia	592
Bowen Henry	198	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Bowen Holder Borden	640	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bradford Joseph	250	Central Baptist Society	307
Bradford S. Standish	65	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace Alexander B.	42
Brastow Billings	31	Chace George I.	224
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace Henry R.	398
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chace Lewis J.	527
Brown Edward W.	532	Chace Thomas E.	627
Brown Henry T.	510	Chace William M.*	176
Brown Isaac	245	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Brown John Carter	77	Chaffin Lucian G.	464
Brown Joseph R.	480	Channing William F.	105
Brown Moses*	1	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown Nicholas*	547	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Thomas	212	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown William*	324	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown William Waterman	219	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown William Whipple	466	Child Charles T.	573
Browne George H.	585	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clafflin George L.	482
Brownell Stephen	410	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin Thomas P.*	601	Clarke James M.	501
Buffum Benjamin	52	Clarke John H.	313
Bullock Julia	502	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Coggeshall James H.	450
Bullock William P.*	144	Collins George L.	526
Burges Walter S.	78	Collins James C.	460
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon George W.	257
Burrington William B.	109	Congdon Gilbert	72
Burrough Martha H.	367	Congdon Henry R.	514
Bush Edwin A.	390	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Bush Patience M.	206	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Richard W.	91	Cooke Edward	570
Butler Cyrus*	7	Cooke Joseph J.	565

Corliss George H.	360	Eames Laura C.	107
Corliss William	622	Earle George B.	573
Cornett Henry	467	Earle William	474
Cornett Henry T.	564	Eddy John H.	311
Cranston Henry C.	548	Ely James W. C.	545
Crocker Nathan B.*	296	Ely William	325
Cross James M.	561	Ernst Carl W.	590
Cushing Samuel B.	399		
Cutler Edward H.	153	Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
		Farnum Alexander	228
Daggett John (Attleborough)	455	Field Daniel W.	26
Dailey Charlotte F.	209	Field William	15
Dana Newton C.	344	First Baptist Church	405
Danielson George W.	152	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Darling Levi B.	572	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Dart William H.*	128	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davenport Samuel C.	470	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Davis Edmund	620	Fletcher Joseph	368
Davis Thomas	173	Fluhrer William F.	582
Davis William D.	318	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Day Daniel	53	Foster Ira A.	322
Day Israel H.	203	Foster Samuel	576
Dearth William G.	117	Fourth Baptist Church	538
DeMunn Sarah	447	Frieze Lyman B.	302
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Fuller Frederick	560
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371		
Dexter Samuel*	95	Gallup Albert S.	503
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Gammell William	286
Dike Arba B.	483	Gardiner Malachi R.	193
Diman J. Lewis	194	Gardner John A.	424
Dorr Sullivan	380	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Gladding Henry G.	280
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Glezen Edward K.	407
Dorrance James R.	395	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dorrance William T.	92	Goddard William G.* 2 shares 234,	406
Dow George S.	634	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Downes Lewis T.	448	Goodier Eliza G.	550
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Goodwin Daniel	315
Drown William H.	338	Gorham Jabez*	45
Duncan Alexander	12	Gorham John	427
Duncan David	261	Gorton Charles	355
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Greene Albert C., cashier	492
Dunnell Mary	235	Greene Albert G.*	332
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Cornelia E.	429
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Edward A.	213
Durfee Thomas	628	Greené Richard W.	73
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Rufus	444
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Sarah A.	290
Dyer John	21	Greene Welcome A.	358
Dyer John F.	259	Greene William Albert*	187

Greene William Albert*	164	Hoppin George H.	430
Greene William H.	617	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Greene William Henry	608	Hoppin William W.	283
Greene William R.	167	Hoskins James B.*	294
Gross Thomas J. A.	374	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Grosvenor William	108	Howard Ezra W.*	47
Grout Abby R.	29	Howard William A.	75
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Howland John A.	192
		Hoyt Charles N.	136
		Hoyt David W.	581
Haines William S.	102	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Hale Isaac	382	Hudson Samuel*	241
Hall Edward B.*	263	Humphreys James	636
Hall George W.	496	Humphrey Sarah F.	475
Hall J. Clifton	559	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hallett George W.	37	Hunt George	364
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Huston William R.	618
Ham Charles H.	605	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Ham James S *	341	Hutchins Sterns	175
Hamlin Richard E.	477		
Hamlin William E.	178	Ives Robert H.	4
Harkness Albert	357		
Harkness Thomas	33	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris Avis L.	457	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris Cyrus	221	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris David S.	112	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harris George J.	151	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Samuel B.	133	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris Stephen	391	Jenkins William*	5
Harris Thomas	353	Jillson Charles D.	461
Harrison Joseph	626	Johnson William S.	329
Hart Charles	553	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones Edward S.	512
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones John D.*	472
Hawes Amos B.	207	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hayes Wingate	93		
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hazard George P.	529	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hazard Rowland	615	Kendall Henry L.	88
Heap James	439	Kendall Oliver	505
Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	238	Kilton John B.	148
Hidden Henry A.	137	King George M. P.	593
Hill Hiram	163	King William J.	571
Hill Paris	134	Kingsbury John	214
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hoard John W.	598	Knight Henry P.	233
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knight Nchemiah R.*	89

Knight Robert	616	Miller Charles T.	443
Knowles Edward P.	488	Miller Frederick	518
Knowles John P.	71	Miller Horace G.	632
Knowles Joseph	268	Mitchell John A.	603
		Mitchell Thomas L.	452
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Morse Alpheus C.	588
Larchar John*	39	Moulton & Ingraham	506
Larned Samuel*	306	Mowry Martha H.	104
Lathrop Henry E.	562	Mowry Scott W.	300
Leach Daniel, 2 shares	252, 515	Mowry William G. R.	10
Leonard George E.	284	Mumford George A.	476
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Murray Robert, Jr.	524
Lincoln John L.	119		
Lippitt Christopher	150	Nichols Charles A.	613
Lippitt Henry	68	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Nightingale George C.	113
Lonsdale John H.	602	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Luther Charles C.	577	Noyes George C.	295
Lyman Henry B.	67	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lyman John W.	126		
Lyon Mary W.	549	Okie Caroline	638
		Okie A. Howard	586
McFarland Thomas	468	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Manton Amasa*	24	Olney Stephen T.	186
Manton Louisa	551	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Manton Robert	409	Ormsbee John S.	347
Martin Anne F.	323	Osborn William	340
Martin Joseph	456	Owen Ezekiel	54
Mason Charles F.	266	Owen George	401
Mason Earl P.	258	Owen Smith	389
Mason George	81		
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REPORT.

THE Board of Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, present the thirty-sixth Annual Report.

For the second time in its history, the Athenæum has been called to change its highest officer. At the meeting of the Board next after the annual election in 1870, a note was received from the Honorable William S. Patten, declining a reappointment as President of the Corporation. It is well known to a great part of the shareholders that Mr. Patten has served the Athenæum for many years in different capacities. The period of his active usefulness to this institution began with its very origin in the year 1836. He was then Secretary of the preliminary meeting of organization, and was from the first a member of the most important committees. After being Vice-President for nine years, in which time many of the duties of President fell upon him, he was chosen President of the Corporation in the year 1856, being the immediate successor of the first President, the Honorable John Pitman. He held this office by annual appointment for fourteen years. His remarkably long and faithful services demand special remembrance from the institution to which he gave so much valuable time and wise counsel. In accepting his request to be

relieved from further official duty, the Board desired to express their deep regret, and adopted the following minute.

“The Directors cannot allow the official connection of the Honorable William S. Patten with the Providence Athenæum to terminate, without placing upon record their grateful estimate of his services, and their regret that the time has come when they must cease. No person in this community has given so much time and labor to the promotion of its interests as he. He has been active in all its concerns through the thirty-four years of its existence. On its committees, he has taken an active part in the erection and care of its building, and in the formation of its library; so that whatever the Athenæum is, is owing very much to his counsel and aid. From the beginning a member of the committee on the building and grounds, for thirty-two years a member of the committee on the library, for nine years Vice-President, and for the last fourteen years President, he has been so identified with the administration of the Athenæum as to be entitled to a large share in the honor of its growth and usefulness, and to the cordial thanks of its friends.

“It is for the Directors also to testify what could not be so apparent to the public eye, namely the urbanity and efficiency with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board, his constant and punctual attendance upon its meetings, and his unwearied fidelity in every trust. To have given so many years of thoughtful, energetic service to this institution entitles our late President to select his own time of withdrawal from official duty; and we accede to his desire to be relieved, with pleasing recollections of past intercourse, and with all good wishes for the time to come.”

The Board directed that Mr. Patten's letter declining a re-

appointment, and also the minute which we have just quoted, be entered upon their records.

Professor William Gammell was unanimously chosen President of the Corporation for the year; and Mr. Alexander Farnum, Vice-President.

Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was reappointed Librarian; and Mr. W. Whitman Bailey, Assistant Librarian.

The repairs on the building, during the past year, have been important and expensive. A new boiler of increased size has been supplied for the heating apparatus, at a cost, including necessary fittings, of nearly \$450, and an iron railing has been put around the boiler-pit at an expense of about \$17.

The roof has been covered with tin, and an additional sash, with a sharper pitch, in order to shed water more effectually, has been placed over the old one, which covered the sky-light. These repairs on the roof were made necessary by the frequent leaks which occurred around and through the sky-light, at every rain and melting of snow, and which could not be remedied by temporary expedients. The last roofing, which was "Warren's Felt and Composition Fire and Water-proof Roofing," and was put on in 1857, had lost all its efficiency, particularly near the sky-light, as a protection against water, and these leaks were staining the carpet and ceiling, and rendering the lathes liable to fall, and were threatening serious injury to the books. This roofing replaced the zinc, which was put on at the erection of the building in 1838, and had lasted nearly twenty years, and was then sold for more than enough to pay for its substitute; so that the present outlay is all the expense made upon the roof except for temporary repairs, since the building was completed. It is expected that the thorough repairs now made on the roof, with occasional painting, will last for twenty years. The contract price for

tinuing and painting the roof and for the new sashes to the sky-light was \$1,175. This amount, which will come out of the income of the next year, will very much lessen the appropriation for the purchase of books; but without this expenditure the books already purchased would not be safe from injury.

Thus, one important question in regard to the care of our building has been, how to keep water out. Another question is, whether to let water in. For purposes of cleanliness, and for the indispensable convenience of attendants, the Directors think it desirable that arrangements be made for pipes to be connected with the street-mains, to admit the water from the Pawtuxet, which is soon to flow beneath our streets. They would call the attention of the stockholders to this subject, and recommend that power be given them to make such arrangements.

The Report of our Treasurer, Mr. Stephen H. Arnold, shows that the receipts for the year were about \$130 less than the year before, and the expenditures about \$1000 less. The receipts have been,

From dividends, and interest on United States'	
bonds, - - - - -	\$1,708.20
From taxes collected, say, - - -	3,080.00
From sale of six new shares, - - -	90.00
From other sources, - - - - -	85.90
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	\$4,964.10

Against \$5,099.18, reported a year ago.

The expenditures have been

For purchase of books and periodicals, - -	\$1,184.34
For binding, - - - - -	236.69
For salaries, - - - - -	2,475.00
For repairs (mostly in connection with the new boiler,) - - - - -	529.81
For other expenses, - - - - -	603.04
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	\$5,028.88

Against \$6,072.25, reported a year ago.

The diminution of expenditure has resulted principally from two causes. Early in the previous year the Directors found themselves authorized to place the sum of \$1000 at the disposal of the Library Committee for special purchases aside from the usual additions of current literature. This sum was expended in an importation of valuable works from Europe. Secondly, in that year the city tax amounted to almost \$400.

The whole number of shares now issued is 646.

A Committee of the Directors has had in charge the subject of the city tax, which the Athenæum paid in the years 1868 and 1869. At the meeting of the Board in March, this committee reported that by the recent change in the statute, the Athenæum, as being an incorporated library, is exempted from taxation for the year 1870, and for the future ; but that the suit which had been brought to recover the taxes assessed for the years 1868 and 1869 had not proved successful, the Court holding that the Athenæum was not a public library within the proper construction of the former statute.

The Librarian, at request of the Board, has furnished the following account of the Library ;

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Unfortunately for the growth of the library, the amount of funds available for the purchase of books during the past year was much smaller than usual; consequently no orders were sent abroad to obtain books free of duty, and we have been dependent upon the home-market at high prices.

The whole number of volumes added to the library during the year is 585, and of pamphlets, 99. Of these, there were			
added by purchase,	-	-	388
By gift,	-	-	76
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets,			121
			<hr/> 585

The additions consist of folios,	22
- " " quartos,	44
- " " octavos,	262
- " " duodecimos and under,	257
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Of pamphlets, 20 were added by purchase, and 79 received by gift.

The character of the additions is certainly not inferior to that of any former year. It has been the intention of the Library Committee to reject as much as possible the light and trashy productions which are issuing in such quantities from the press, and to offer to readers at the Athenæum, literature of a higher character. Of course, it would not do to exclude all books of this kind, for we should then disappoint a large part of our readers, but the proportion of prose fiction and juvenile works added is much less than usual, being less than one-seventh of the whole additions.

The whole number of volumes given out during the year is 22,331.

Of prose-fiction and juvenile books,	-	12,864
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Of history and biography, -	2,779
Of poetry and belles lettres, -	1,863
Of art, science and law, -	1,273
Of periodicals, -	1,165
Of religion and philosophy, -	995
Of voyages and travels, -	978
Of miscellaneous, -	414
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	22,331

The greatest number given out in any month was 2,292, in March. The greatest number in any day was 217, on the 25th of February.

It will be noticed that there is a considerable falling off from last year in the number of books issued, the number circulated last year being 22,902. This is undoubtedly the consequence of the curtailment of works of fiction. It would be a very easy matter to increase our issues many hundred, by adding to the library half a dozen copies of a few of the most popular novels. A large proportion of our readers inquire for that class of books only, and are disappointed at not obtaining one of the latest published. Many persons send a messenger for the latest novel, or a list of two or three of the most popular; and if, as is most likely, none of them is in, no other book is taken. But notwithstanding we circulate fewer books, the best interest of the library forbids any increase in this direction.

Our donations, though not very numerous, have been very acceptable. Especially are we indebted to Mr. Holder Borden Bowen, for the gift of a splendid copy of Gillray's Caricatures in two volumes, imperial folio, elegantly bound, with an octavo volume of text, and for the works of Hogarth in imperial folio, similarly bound. He has also presented to the Athenæum a continuation of the Chaucer Society publica-

tions for the year 1870, and several volumes of modern French literature. The thanks of the institution are gratefully tendered to him, and to the following donors of volumes and pamphlets:

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The following serials have been received as gifts :—

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The Religious Magazine and Monthly Review, from the American Unitarian Association.

Daheim. Ein deutsches Familier blatt mit Illustrationen, and Illustirte Kriègs-Chronik, from Rev. Carl W. Ernst.

One or two changes have occurred in the reading room. Putnam's Magazine and the Sporting Magazine have died a natural death ; and the Galaxy, a monthly magazine, published in New York, 8vo., the Literary World, a monthly published in Boston, folio, and the Academy, a monthly record of literature science and art, published in London, 4to, have been added to our list of serials.

The Librarian reports that he has, with his assistant, examined the library, and he has furnished to the Directors a list of eleven volumes, missing from the shelves and not accounted for.

A member of the Board has prepared for this Report the following table, which shows, for each one of the last ten years, the increase in the number of books, by purchase and binding, and by gift ; the annual expense for books and for all other purposes ; the number of shares issued, and the number of shareholders :—

TABLE.

Number and date of Report.	Increase of Library.			Annual Expenses.			Number of Shares.	Number of Shareholders.
	Books added by purchase &c.	Books given.	Books total.	Expense of Books.	Other Expenses.	Total.		
27. September, 1862.....	445	79	524	\$1,147 72	\$2,955 68	\$4,103 40	591	583
28. " 1863.....	542	31	573	922 13	2,172 86	3,094 99	594	585
29. " 1864.....	503	35	538	1,073 49	2,264 35	3,337 84	594	583
30. " 1865.....	814	36	850	2,435 89	2,838 18	5,274 07	598	589
31. " 1866.....	742	59	801	1,943 32	2,781 15	4,724 47	605	596
32. " 1867.	827	145	972	2,054 45	2,954 34	5,008 79	613	604
33. " 1868.....	486	73	559	1,375 31	3,262 19	4,637 50	622	614
34. October, 1869.....	428	47	475	1,142 93	3,802 20	4,945 13	631	624
35. September, 1870.....	822	103	925	2,101 19	3,971 06	6,072 25	640	632
36. " 1871.....	509	76	585	1,421 03	3,607 85	5,028 88	646	637

At the meeting of the Board in March, 1871, it was suggested by one of the Directors, that it might be advisable to take measures to obtain for our library a set of the British Patent Office Reports. These Reports, showing the inventions which have been brought forward in Great Britain in a series of years, especially if accompanied by a full set of like Reports from the Patent Office of this country, would be very valuable to projectors, and to all who have to deal with improvements in the practical arts of life, in their legal or other relations. The subject was referred to the Library Committee, who gave it very prompt attention. The next day after that meeting of the Directors, inquiries were made at the Boston Public Library, which has the Reports in question. By these inquiries and subsequent correspondence, the information was gained which we can best convey by an extract from the Library Committee's report on that subject.

"A set of British Patent Reports at this date comprises about 2,750 volumes, representing a cost to the British Government of about \$13,000; and it increases at the rate of about one hundred and forty a year, costing about \$650 for printing and paper. Application for these publications must be made through the proper channels to the British Commissioners of Patents, and if successful, the donee must bear the expense of binding or furnishing suitable cases for the specifications which now number some 74,000, with an annual increase of about 3,500; and must, through some authorized agent, on Monday of each week, attend at the Patent Office Store Department, to receive the volumes and specifications issued in continuation. As nearly as the committee can judge, at least \$2,500 in currency would be required at once to meet the conditions of a successful application; while the sum annually required to maintain it would be about \$250. This esti-

mate, however, would only place the specifications loosely in cases, an arrangement attended with some inconvenience and considerable risk of damage in the frequent examination to which they would be subjected. For the Boston Public Library, each volume is bound in half-morocco, at a cost of \$1 25 and \$1 50 for the octavos, and \$7 50 for the folios, making an annual outlay of some \$600 in gold. To arrange accommodations for so many volumes, about one-half of which are large folios, so that they could be conveniently consulted, would draw largely on the space available for books in this building, would involve considerable expense, and would for their proper care impose much additional labor on our Librarian and his assistant. At the Boston Public Library, a special attendant is employed to care for and assist in consulting these Reports.

“So far as is known, the Congressional Library, the New York State Library, at Albany, the Astor Library, the Philadelphia Library, the Peabody Institute, at Baltimore, the St. Louis Mercantile Library, and the Boston Public Library, are the only institutions in this country thus far favored with sets of these Reports. In his letter granting a set to the St. Louis Library, the English Commissioner states that but very few sets remain.”

After a careful comparison of the outlay which would be required with the resources at command of the Athenæum, the committee report, that they “cannot feel justified in advising the adoption of a course which would absorb nearly 15 per cent. of the amount annually available for the purchase of new books, in the procuring of Patent Office Reports. Unless therefore our permanent fund can be increased by an amount sufficient to yield the sum required, or some perpetual annual subscription can be guaranteed, the committee recom-

mend that no effort to obtain the publications in question be made at present."

The Board adopted the closing recommendation of this report. The sum required to procure the set as it now stands, and to provide a fund of which the interest should be applied to its continuance, would, according to the committee's estimates be not less than \$6,500; without binding or furnishing cases or other arrangements for safe-keeping and convenient reference. Apart from the question of expense, the prospect of such an influx of volumes would be rather appalling,—unless they contained some patent for the indefinite expansion of granite walls.

This discussion of a proposed plan which would have added to our shelves so large a mass of material, valuable to the public for reference and consultation within this hall, reminds us of the importance of this use of the library. The value of our collections to this community is by no means measured by the number of books issued. The Athenæum is sometimes placed on the same level of consideration as a circulating library. It differs from such a library in essential respects. It is managed, not as a mercantile enterprise, or appendage to the trade, but by gentlemen who give their time to it, for the intellectual benefit of the shareholders, and with a direct view to the public good. The circulating library deals mainly with the literature of the day, books that are talked about, especially novels. The Athenæum aims to represent, and does in a very honorable degree represent, the whole broad field of good English reading, the great classics of our language, and the history, science and literature of past centuries. And, lastly, a most important use of our library, increasing in value as its treasures accumulate, is for reference, within these walls. The

several specialized branches of study have become so numerous, and are at once so distinct and so connected, that the student of any department constantly needs to avail himself of crossing lights from different inlets of knowledge. Hence the Cyclopædia is more than ever a necessity in the student's library ; and a Corporation like this should endeavor to furnish for its members a good assortment of Cyclopædias, Lexicons, and other books which are exclusively used for reference. Many special treatises, too, are consulted here, to gain or refresh knowledge for immediate occasions, not read at home for entertainment, as are books taken from the circulating library.

The Board of Directors have been so much impressed with the importance of this last mentioned use of the library, namely for reference as distinguished from circulation, that they have considered the expediency of making a formal announcement that its books are open for this purpose to the public at large. It has been urged that this course would establish a closer relation between the Athenæum and the community, and would enable us with better grace to apply for help, if we were again obliged to ask for subscriptions for any special object, and that it would cost us little, either in increased attendance required, in wear and tear of books, or in inconvenience to the owners. This step would not probably lead to any greatly increased use of our property by other persons ; but as it could not easily be retraced if once taken, and would certainly lead to some inconvenience, the Board thought it ought not to be hastily adopted. The proposition was alluded to in the last annual report of the Directors, and was referred to a special committee of the Board. The report of that committee goes over the whole ground so well, and states so clearly the relations, both in theory and actual practice, between this Corporation and the public, that we submit the whole of it as part of our Report.

“ The Committee, to whom was referred the question whether any new regulations are required for the purpose of increasing the usefulness of the Athenæum to the general community, present the following as their Report :

The Athenæum is a corporation of shareholders holding and using its property by virtue of its charter of incorporation, and it is also, in a certain and very important sense, a public charity, whose possessions and privileges are of the nature of a trust held for the benefit of the community. The main design undoubtedly is, that this benefit shall be conferred by extending as widely as possible among the people, the ownership of shares. To this end, the number of the shares is without any fixed limit, and it may be indefinitely extended. The price of the shares also, was at the beginning placed at *fifteen dollars*, the annual tax was limited to *five dollars*, and neither of these have been changed, notwithstanding the fact that the property of the institution and especially the literary treasures in its Library, have very greatly increased, while the annual expenses of the administration have more than quadrupled in thirty-five years. During this period it has been the constant aim of the Directors to fulfill as largely as possible the trust reposed in the corporation, by the creation of a library suited to the wants and the tastes of the community and also by extending in all ways in their power, the proprietorship and the use of this library among all orders of the people. The shareholders have increased in number from 290 in 1836 to 640 in 1870, and in the same time, the number of volumes in the library has been enlarged from 5,000 to 32,000.

It may also be confidently claimed that the spirit of the institution has been in all this time pre-eminently liberal and mindful of the intellectual and moral interests of the public. One of its earliest by-laws provided that each shareholder may introduce strangers from abroad, who shall be entitled to the free use of the Athenæum for one month in the consultation of the books of the Library and the periodicals of the Reading Room. Article X of the Regulations of the Library, &c., also provides that the Board may on special occasions, at their discretion, and also for purposes of public utility or in order to facilitate any public inquiry or investigation, authorize individuals not connected with the institution, to make use of the Athenæum under such

restrictions and such regulations as they may deem advisable to impose. In addition to this, the successive Librarians of the institution, with the sanction of the Board, have always been accustomed to afford to every person who has asked for it, every facility for obtaining information specially desired for any purpose whatever, and they have still further, in cases where persons making such inquiries were well known, very frequently procured the temporary use of shares from proprietors not at the time using them themselves. It is scarcely possible to point out a mode of conducting the institution which would have rendered it more generally accessible, or more readily available to the whole community. Its privileges have at all times been within the reach of any one who desired to use them for a particular purpose, and in point of fact, they have been enjoyed by very large numbers of the people of Providence, as well as by strangers, who were not reckoned among its shareholders. In no one of the great national Libraries of Europe, whether of Great Britain or the continent, is a readier or freer access afforded to the public ; nor in any one of them do the Regulations permit the books to be taken for use, away from the building where they are deposited.

It seems, however, that the Athenæum is still sometimes spoken of as an exclusive institution which has received its generous benefactions and accumulated its treasures of learning solely for its own proprietors. It is probably wholly impossible to remove such an impression as this from certain classes of minds in which it has been lodged. There will always be those who will complain that the institution is not different from what it is either in its character or its management, whatever these may be. It must however be admitted that many years have elapsed since any special attention has been directed to the liberal arrangements which have always existed here, for the public accommodation ; and it is possible that to very many, these arrangements are wholly unknown. The committee, therefore, unite in recommending that what has so long been the practice of the Athenæum, be formally placed on our Records as a Resolution of this Board, and also that it be submitted to the Corporation in the next Annual Report. To this end they present the following Resolution for the adoption of the Board.

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of Article X. of the Regulations of the Library of the Athenæum, the Librarian is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to grant the privilege of visiting the Reading Room, and also of consulting the books in the Library, to any person not a shareholder, who may solicit it for any purpose of public utility or of special scientific or literary investigation or inquiry, and it shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep a list of the persons to whom this privilege may be granted.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

WILLIAM GAMMELL,
SAMUEL W. PECKHAM,
C. A. NICHOLS."

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1871.

The resolution recommended in this report was adopted by the Board. It will be perceived that this course does not make any new rule, but only calls distinct attention to an old one. Of course it does not interfere with the custom alluded to by the committee, by virtue of which the librarian, at his discretion, may permit any visitor, as a matter of courtesy, to refer to books for a special purpose, without making a formal record of it. This is a very different thing from keeping a free reading room for public use.

Such is the greatest degree of liberality that is thought to be compatible with safety and economy of administration, and with our duty as trustees of the funds and literary treasures of the Athenæum. Our library numbers more than 32,000 volumes. It has grown up under the careful selection of successive library-committees. Its books have been chosen, neither expressly for the profound study of special technical departments of knowledge, nor mainly for mere amusement. It occupies a middle place between the collections of a college, designed for the more complete equipment of scholars, and

the circulating library. With a good assortment of general literature, it is rich in popular works on theology, and it aims to meet the need of the industries of this community, for such books on chemistry, mechanical science, and the arts of design, as are especially useful in a great manufacturing centre. The institution cannot afford to spend much, year after year, in costly collections of engravings, or in single works of painting and sculpture. But in this important department, we have been favored by generous friends, from time to time, as during the past year, with very valuable gifts. Our reading-room is supplied with the best periodical literature of the day, in the English language. With these advantages, offered to all at so moderate expense, and with the generous principles of management which will continue to guide our officers, the Athenæum will still be, as it has been, one of the chief agents in ensuring for this community a gain in intellectual and æsthetic culture, which shall bear some proportion to its material thrift.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 25, 1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 26, 1870, - - \$481 69

RECEIPTS.

For six new shares sold at \$15	-	-	-	\$90 00
For tax assessed September 26, 1870, collected on 615 shares,	3,075	00		
“ “ “ October 2, 1869, “ “ 1 share,	5	00		
For nine shares sold for taxes,	-	-	56	50
For fines collected,	-	-	17	40
For books sold,	-	-	12	00
For dividends and interest on invested funds, including pre-				
mium on coin,	-	-	1,708	20
			<u>4,964</u>	<u>10</u>
				<u>\$5,445 79</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books,	-	-	-	-	\$831 74
For periodicals,	-	-	-	-	352 60
For binding,	-	-	-	-	236 69
For salaries,	-	-	-	-	2,475 00
For fuel,	-	-	-	-	173 50
For gas,	-	-	-	-	119 12
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	44 20
For stationery,	-	-	-	-	27 55
For express, postage and stamps,	-	-	-	-	23 90
For advertising and printing,	-	-	-	-	133 00
For repairs and furniture,	-	-	-	-	529 81
For sundries,	-	-	-	-	91 78
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank,	-	-	-	-	406 90
					<u>\$5,445 79</u>

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of—

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	\$1,850 00
63 shares in the American National Bank, par value,	- 3,150 00
7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5.20s of 1865, and	
the new issue of 1867,	- 19,500 00
	<u>\$24,500 00</u>

Tax unpaid on eighteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1871.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 25, 1871.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adams, George J	619	Arnold Stephen (S. C.)	34
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Welcome	142
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold William R. 2d.	217
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Arnold William S.	388
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Aldrich Nelson W.	103	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Allen Philip*	9	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Philip, Jr.	256	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Allen Zachariah	8	Baker George	226
Ames Samuel*	171	Balch John R.	339
Andem Emma W.	490	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Ballou David	48
Andrews Walter P.	630	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Angell John W.	287	Bancroft T. Whiting	210
Anthony Henry	44	Barker Frederic A.	520
Anthony Henry B.	414	Barrett William E.	379
Anthony John B.	146	Barstow Amos C.	97
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Aplin Charles	453	Barstow John*	310
Appleton Henry	402	Bartlett John R.	279
Appleton John H.	120	Becker Alexander R.	13
Armington Asa W.*	289	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Armington James H.	331	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Armington Matthew W.	83	Beckwith Truman	19
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Arnold Frederick W.	200	Beneficent Congregational Society	343.
Arnold John N.	223	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Beverly A. E. G.	342

*Deceased.

Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393	Butts David A. (New York,)	182
Billings Ethelbert R.	594	Butts Frank	397
Binney William	558	Butts George W,	597
Blackwood James W.	154		
Blake Joseph M.	530	Cady Shubael H.	536
Blanding William B.	40	Calder Albert L.	274
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Calder George B.	631
Blodget William P.	387	Caldwell Samuel L.	579
Boon Charles E.	267	Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carnoe William M.	635
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Carpenter Earl*	486
Bourn Robert C.	404	Carpenter Lydia	592
Bowen Henry	198	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Bowen Holder Borden	640	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bradford Joseph	250	Central Baptist Society	307
Bradford S. Standish	65	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace George I.	224
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace Henry R.	398
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chace Lewis J.	527
Brown Edward W.	532	Chace Thomas E.	627
Brown Henry T.	510	Chace William M.*	176
Brown Isaac	245	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Brown John Carter	77	Chaffin Lucian G.	464
Brown Joseph R.	480	Channing William F.	105
Brown Moses*	1	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown Nicholas*	547	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Samuel W.	454	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown Thomas	212	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown William*	324	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown William Waterman	219	Child Charles T.	578
Brown William Whipple	466	Childs Charles H.*	208
Browne George H.	585	Clafflin George L.	482
Brownell Frances S.	160	Clark George H.	428
Brownell Stephen	410	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bucklin Catharine A.	601	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke James M.	501
Buffum Benjamin	52	Clarke John H.*	313
Bullock Julia	502	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Coggeshall James H.	450
Bullock William P.*	144	Collins George L.	526
Burges Walter S.	78	Collins James C.	460
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon George W.	257
Burrington William B.	109	Congdon Gilbert*	72
Burrough Martha H.	367	Congdon Henry R.	514
Bush Edwin A.	390	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Bush Patience M.	206	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Richard W.	91	Cooke Edward	570
Butler Cyrus*	7	Cooke Joseph J.	565

Corliss George H.	360	Eames Laura C.	107
Corliss William	622	Earle George B.	573
Cornett Henry	467	Earle William	474
Cornett Henry T.	564	Eaton Amasa M.	470
Cranston Henry C.	548	Eddy John H.	311
Crocker Nathan B.*	296	Ely James W. C.	545
Cross James M.	561	Ely William	325
Crooker Josiah W.	605	Ernst Carl W.	590
Currie George C.	451		
Cushing Samuel B.	399	Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Cutler Edward H.	153	Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
		Farnum Alexander	228
Daggett John (Attleborough)	455	Field Daniel W.	26
Dailey Charlotte F.	209	Field William	15
Dana Newton C.	344	First Baptist Church	405
Danielson George W.	152	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Darling Levi B.	572	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Dart William H.*	128	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davis Edmund	620	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Davis Thomas	173	Fletcher Joseph	368
Davis William D.	318	Fluhrer William F.	582
Day Daniel	53	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Day Israel H.	203	Foster Ira A.	322
Dearth William G.	117	Foster Samuel	576
DeMunn Sarah	447	Fourth Baptist Church	538
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Frieze Lyman B.	302
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Fuller William O.	560
Dexter Samuel*	95		
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Gallup Albert S.	503
Dike Arba B.	483	Gannell William	286
Diman J. Lewis	194	Gardiner Malachi R.	193
Dorr Sullivan	380	Gardner John A.	424
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Gladding Henry G.	280
Dorrance James R.	395	Glezen Edward K.	407
Dorrance William T.	92	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dow George S.	631	Goddard William G.*2 shares, 234,	406
Downes Lewis T.	448	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Goodier Eliza G.	550
Drown William H.	338	Goodwin Daniel	315
Duncan Alexander	12	Gorham Jabez*	45
Duncan David	261	Gorham John	427
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Gorton Charles	355
Dunnell Mary	235	Grant Henry T.	641
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Albert C., cashier	492
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Albert G.*	332
Durfee Thomas	628	Greene Cornelia E.	429
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Edward A.	213
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Richard W.	73
Dyer John	21	Greene Rufus	444
Dyer John F.	259	Greene Sarah A.	290

Greene Welcome A.*	358	Hilton William D.	114
Greene William Albert.*	187	Hoard, John W.	598
Greene William Albert*	164	Hoppin Carrington	399
Greene William H.	617	Hoppin George H.	430
Greene William Henry	608	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Greene William R.	167	Hoppin William W.	283
Gross Thomas J. A.*	374	Hoskins James B.*	294
Grosvenor William	108	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Grout Abby R.	29	Howard Ezra W.*	47
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Howard William A.	75
Haines, William S.	102	Howland John A.	192
Hale Isaac	382	Hoyt David W.	581
Hall, Edward B.*	263	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Hall, George W.	496	Hudson Samuel*	241
Hall, J. Clifton	559	Humphreys James	636
Hallett, George W.	37	Humphreys Sarah F.	475
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Ham James S.*	341	Hunt George	364
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Huston William R.	618
Hamlin William E.	178	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Harkness, Albert	357	Hutchins Sterns	175
Harkness Thomas,	33	Ives Robert H.	4
Harris Avis L.	457	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris C. Fiske,	204	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris Cyrus	221	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris David S.	112	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris George J.*	151	Jenckes, Marcia M.	127
Harris Samuel B.	133	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Stephen	391	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris Thomas	353	Jenkins William*	5
Harrison Joseph	626	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hart Charles	553	Johnson William S.	329
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones Edward S.	512
Hartshorn Joseph	644	Jones John D.*	472
Hawes Amos B.	207	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hayes Wingate	93	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hayward Lyman	600	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kendall Oliver	505
Hazard George P.	52	Kilton John B.	148
Hazard Rowland	615	King George M. P.	593
Heap James	439	King William J.	571
Hedge Frederick H., Jr.	238	Kingsbury John	214
Hedge J. D.	136	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hidden Henry A.	137	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hill Hiram	163	Knight Henry P.	233
Hill Paris	134		
Hill Thomas J.	363		

Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Metcalf Joel Jr.	70
Knight, Robert	616	Metcalf John	642
Knowles Edward P.	488	Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Knowles John P.	71	Miles Amanda	118
Knowles Joseph	268	Miller, Charles T.	443
		Miller Frederick	518
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Miller Horace G.	632
Larchar John*	39	Mitchell John A.	603
Larned Samuel*	306	Mitchell, Thomas L.	452
Lathrop Henry E.	562	Morse, Alpheus C.	588
Leach Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515	Moulton & Ingraham	506
Leonard George E.	284	Mowry Martha H.	104
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Mowry Scott W.	300
Lincoln John L.	119	Mowry William G. R.	10
Lippitt Christopher	150	Mumford George A.,	476
Lippitt Henry	68	Murray Robert Jr.	524
Lippitt Peleg W.	567		
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Nichols, Charles A.	613
Lonsdale John H.	602	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Nightingale, Edwin J.	299
Luther Charles C.	577	Nightingale George C.	113
Lyman Henry B.	67	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lyman John W.	126	Noyes George C.	295
Lyon Mary W.	549	Noyes Samuel M.	546
McCausland John	231	Okie Caroline	638
McFarland Thomas	468	Okie A. Howard	586
Manton Amasa*	24	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Manton Louisa	551	Olney, Stephen T.	186
Manton Robert*	409	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Martin Anne F.	323	Ormsbee John S.	347
Martin Annie B.	106	Osborn William	340
Martin Joseph	456	Owen Ezekiel	54
Mason Charles F.	266	Owen George	401
Mason Earl P.	258	Owen Mary C	645
Mason, George	81	Owen Smith	389
Mason Henry W.	285		
Mason John N.	222	Pabodie B. Frank	57
Mason Owen	216	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Pabodie Charles A.*	96
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Padelford Seth, 2 shares	111, 487
Mauran Abby	62	Paige Henry	362
Mauran Joseph	243	Paine Amasa*	115
Mauran Suchet*	132	Paine Daniel*	328
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Palmer Amelia F.	131
Mead Marshall B.	508	Palmer Fannie	609
Merrill William S.	314	Palmer John B*	500
Merriman Charles H.	537	Parish J. S.	312
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Metcalf Edwin	254	Parkhurst William H.	155
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Parsons Charles W., 2 shares,	35, 375

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REPORT.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM present to the shareholders their thirty-seventh annual report.

At the last annual meeting, James Tillinghast, Esq., declined a re-election as Secretary of the Corporation, and Charles P. Robinson, Esq., was chosen in his place. The Directors cannot allow the retirement of Mr. Tillinghast to pass without an acknowledgment of the obligations of the Athenæum to him for his long and faithful service. For fourteen years he filled the office of Secretary to the great satisfaction of the Board and the benefit of the Corporation, as the neatness and accuracy of the records amply testify.

At the meeting for organization in October, Professor William Gammell was elected President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., Vice-President of the Board. Mr. F. E. Richmond, who was elected a member of the Board, declined to serve, and Mr. Holder Borden Bowen was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was appointed Librarian for the year, and Mr. William Whitman Bailey Assistant Librarian for three months. Mr. Bailey soon afterwards resigned the office, the resignation to take effect on the 1st of November. The question of employing a woman, as Assistant Librarian, had

been somewhat discussed at previous meetings of the Board, and when the vacancy occurred, the time seemed opportune for trying the experiment. Miss Mary M. Angell was accordingly appointed for one month. At the expiration of that period—so satisfactorily were the duties of Assistant performed—Miss Angell was elected for the remainder of the year. It is only just to say, that the appointment has been attended, in every respect, with the best results, and has been regarded with approbation by all who have had occasion to use the Library during the year. It is almost needless to add, that Mr. Hedge continues to perform the duties of Librarian to the complete and cordial commendation of the Directors.

At the July meeting, it was thought advisable to close the Athenæum for a portion of each day, during the latter part of that month and the whole of the month of August, and a vote to that effect was accordingly passed. The interval of closing was fixed at two hours, from 1 to 3 o'clock, P. M. No detriment has come to the Athenæum from the recess, and it has been a relief, of unquestioned benefit, to the Librarian and his Assistant.

The severity of the last winter killed the evergreen shrubs upon the north side of the Athenæum estate. Instead of renewing them, it was deemed best by the Committee on the Building and Grounds to remove a portion of the soil, and bring the grounds to a uniform grade with that of College Street. The work was very thoroughly performed to the manifest improvement of the appearance of the premises.

In making the repairs mentioned in the last Report, an expenditure of \$1,175 was incurred. The receipts of the Institution are barely sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses, and to make a fair increase of the number of books in the Library, the Directors were unwilling to allow the Corporation to fall

into debt. They were at the same time desirous of freeing the Library Committee from any embarrassment arising from the want of available funds. Upon an examination of the invested property of the Athenæum, it was thought by the Treasurer, that a change of investment could be advantageously made. A considerable part of the funds was in National Securities, the value of which had considerably appreciated during the term of ownership. By the decline in the price of gold, the income from these securities had been somewhat diminished. The Athenæum was receiving about $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the market value of the investment. The subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the President and Messrs. Taft and Nichols, who reported favorably upon a plan of changing the securities, and the President and the Treasurer were charged with carrying it into execution. The registered bonds of the United States, in the possession of the Athenæum amounting to \$18,000, were sold in April and May for \$20,770.00; the coupon bonds, amounting to \$1500.00, were sold for \$1,726.25. The total sum received from the sale was \$22,496.25. This was re invested, (April 17,) to the amount of \$10,000, in bonds of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company at a cost \$10,200 and accrued interest from January 1st. These bonds pay an annual interest of 7 per cent. The sum of \$11,200 was deposited, (May 4,) in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, "on participation" in the profits of that Corporation. The remainder, amounting to \$1,096.25, was retained in the Treasury of the Athenæum, to replace a sum taken therefrom for the purchase of the bonds at the time of investment. By this judicious and successful operation, the productive property of the Corporation was increased by the amount of \$1,700, an increase of income was secured, the expense of the repairs upon the building was fully met, and all danger of indebtedness was averted.

The Report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts of the year were about \$674.57 more than those of the previous year, and the expenditures \$761.08 more. The receipts have been,

From amount retained from re-investment,	\$1,096.25
From dividends and interest - - -	1,168.42
From taxes, - - - - -	3,205.00
From sale of seven new shares, - -	105.00
From other sources, - - - - -	64.00
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	\$5,638.67

Against \$4,964.10, reported at the last annual meeting.

The expenditures have been

For purchase of books and periodicals, - -	\$1,090.92
For binding, - - - - -	244.57
For salaries, - - - - -	2,500.00
For repairs, (building and grounds,) -	1,344.62
For other expenses, - - - - -	609.85
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	\$5,789.96

Against \$5,028.88, as reported a year ago.

The Librarian makes the following statement of the condition of the Library :

For the nineteenth time it becomes the Librarian's duty to render an account of the progress and condition of the Library.

During the past year there have been added to the Library 586 volumes and 148 pamphlets. Of the volumes, there were

added by purchase, - - - - -	356
By gift, - - - - -	108
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets, -	122
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Of the pamphlets, 13 were given, and 18 bought.

The volumes may be classified as follows :—

Folios, - - - - -	22
Quartos, - - - - -	51
Octavos, - - - - -	332
Duodecimos <i>et infra</i> , - - - - -	181
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Looking over the Reports of former years, your Librarian finds that there were added in the year ending August 31, 1857, 1562 volumes; in the years ending August 1859 and 1860 the additions were respectively 1,400 and 1,064. At first sight of this statement one might suppose that the Athenæum was making but slow progress. But it must be remembered that the value of a library does not depend upon the number of its volumes so much as in the character of them. It must also be borne in mind that the time has gone by when good books could be bought at an average of little more than one dollar per volume. Moreover, it was the custom, in former times, to buy several copies of popular works of light reading, emphatically cheap books. It is seldom, now, that more than a single copy is procured of a novel or juvenile book. It is not necessary to mention specially the more important works purchased, as a list of additions is appended to this Report, and among them will be found many valuable works, particularly in the departments of the Fine Arts and the Sciences.

The accessions to the library from gifts have been more numerous than usual, and some of them of great value. Mr. Holder Borden Bowen, who has heretofore given largely to the Athenæum, has this year presented to the library "*Le Case ed i Monumenti di Pompei disegnati e descritti*" dai Fratelli Niccolini. This magnificent work on the ancient remains of this

unfortunate city was begun in 1854, and is still publishing, at great cost in Naples. It is to be completed in sixty parts, imperial folio. Forty-six of these have been received and the remainder will be forwarded as soon as published. From Mr. Bowen we have also received Strype's "Ecclesiastical Memorials," a fine copy in large paper, in seven volumes, roy. 8vo, and the "Chaucer Society Publications" for 1871 and 1872. Mr. Charles A. Nichols, Mr. John Peirce and Mr. Henry T. Beckwith have also been liberal contributors to the Athenæum. We are now receiving, weekly, the "Official Gazette," of the United States Patent Office, a publication of especial interest to this manufacturing community. Donations have also been received from the persons and associations enumerated below, to whom the thanks of this institution are herewith tendered.

LIST OF DONORS.

Stephen M. Allen, Boston, Mass.,	Thomas A. Jenckes, Cumberland.
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neers,	vancement of Science,

American Unitarian Association, Board of Managers of the Public Library of Cincinnati.	Rhode Island Medical Society, State of Rhode Island,
Bunker Hill Monument Associat'n. City of Providence,	Trustees of Boston Public Library, " " City Library of Man- chester, N. H.,
Committee of the Cobden Club, by T. B. Potter, Secretary,	Trustees of the Fiske Fund by E. S. Collins,
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Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York,	Trustees of the Public Library of Taunton, Mass.,
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco,	United States Treasury Depart- ment,
Philadelphia Library Company, Publishers of the "Advocate of Peace,	United States War Department, Wilmington Institute,
Publishers of "The Book-Buyer,"	Young Men's Association of the City of Buffalo, N. Y.,
Publishers of "Our Dumb Ani- mals,"	Young Men's Library Association of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The number of volumes given out during the year is 21,502,
classified as following.

Of prose fiction and juvenile books,	-	11,589
Of history and biography,	-	2,780
Of poetry and belles lettres,	-	1,911
Of art, science, law and medicine,	-	1,303
Of periodicals,	-	1,370
Of voyages and travels,	-	1,069
Of religion and philosophy,	-	1,031
Of miscellaneous literature,	-	449
		<hr/> 21,502

By comparing this table with that of last year, it will be seen that there is an increase in the number of volumes issued in every branch of literature but that first named. In this, the falling off is very large. This is owing in part to a shorter supply of this class of books, but largely to another and unexpected cause. The delivery of books on Saturday, particularly in the afternoon, is generally twice that of any other day in

the week. Last winter, the falling off of visitors on this day, being more than one-half, seriously diminished our circulation, and this, on inquiry, was found to be owing to the matinées occurring on this day, at the new Opera house. But while there has been a falling off in the number of books given out, there has been a great increase in the number of volumes called for, for consultation, by non-shareholders, in consequence, it is to be supposed, of a better understanding by the public of the liberal spirit in which this institution is conducted.

Seven new shares have been sold during the year, making the whole number, at present, six hundred and fifty-three. Fifty shares were not used.

The Librarian, with his Assistant, has examined the library, and finds six volumes missing and not accounted for, but none of them of much value.

The additions made to the Library during the year, though not so numerous as usual, owing to the small amount available for purchase, are yet believed to have been generally of a high character. Restricted as the Library Committee have been in their purchases, it is still believed that they have been careful and judicious in their selections. While they have endeavored to keep within the line of a proper economy, they have been mindful of their obligations to increase the value of the Library by adding to it books of permanent interest. Every department of literature has received its due attention, so far as the limited income of the Athenæum has permitted. It is a matter of no little importance to select books for classes of readers whose tastes are widely dissimilar, ranging from the lighter themes of fiction to the grave discussions of history, philology and science. Nor is it a matter of slight responsibility to determine what shall be the character of the books that will fall into the hands of the young, those of immature mind and narrow experience, and those whose habits of study,

conduct and life are still in process of formation. The beneficial influence of good literature upon the manners and morals of a people is not to be overstated. Our community owes too much to its agencies for popular education—its schools and libraries—ever to be forgetful of their claims to the public regard. They who have the direction of any institution of this kind cannot be too mindful of the public interest, or too faithful in the discharge of their trust. The Athenæum has been the recipient of a liberal support, during the term of its existence, and has thus been enabled to become an efficient auxiliary in the work of public improvement. A greater liberality will, of course, add to its efficiency. Every year makes its work larger and more effective, as every year gives it wider opportunities for usefulness. To the public judgment the Directors must leave the estimate of their services, in their endeavors to promote the public welfare.

The Librarian has spoken, in his report, with deserved commendation of the liberal spirit which has been shown by the donors to the Library. The beautiful and costly gift of Mr. Bowen is an additional instance of the generous interest he feels in the prosperity of the Athenæum. The Directors would express their profound gratitude for this and other donations made by liberal friends of the Institution. Such gifts have a two-fold influence and value. It must be a genuine satisfaction to have the means and disposition to make them. And there can be no question of the influence which is exercised by a good book, a fine painting, or a noble sculpture, placed in a library like this, in contributing to the improvement of the community in all the arts, and in the true happiness, of life. The opportunity, thus given, for a wise liberality, to reach and affect large numbers of persons for their lasting benefit, needs but to be suggested. The Directors are confident that each succeeding year of the history of the Athenæum

will furnish new evidence of the kindness and generosity of its friends.

The Directors have observed, with growing interest and satisfaction, the progress which has been made toward the establishment of a free public library in Providence. The Athenæum, it is true, has its own peculiar function and place, and no portion of its property can justly be diverted from the objects contemplated by its founders and benefactors. But its officers can look with no feeling, but that of gratification, upon any effort to increase the circulation of good reading among our growing population. It has done and it is faithfully doing its part in the encouragement and promotion of a taste for the best literature of our day. Without the previous training of the public mind, of which it has, in this respect, been chiefly instrumental, a free public library would neither be necessary, nor even possible; for the public would hardly consent to be taxed for the support of an institution of which there was no conscious need. A community must learn to love good books before it recognizes the imperative character of the demand for them. Fortunately, a taste like this grows by what it feeds upon. The passion for reading thrives by its gratification. Meanwhile, a free Library—in the sense entertained by its projectors—would return a benefit to the Athenæum, in bringing to its alcoves a larger number of thoughtful readers and diligent students. Each institution would render to the other an effective aid in the attainment of the end which both, and, indeed, all kindred institutions, should ever keep in view—the enlargement of the public intelligence and the elevation of the public taste.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER, 23, 1872,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 25, 1871, - - \$406 90

RECEIPTS.

For seven new shares sold at \$15,	-	-	\$105 00
For tax assessed September 25, 1871, collected on 630 shares,	3,150	00	
" " " " 26, 1870, " " 11 "		55	00
For four shares sold for taxes,	-	-	25 50
For fines collected,	-	-	18 50
For books sold,	-	-	20 00
For dividends and interest on invested funds, including pre-			
mium on coin,	-	-	1,168 42
For amount realized from sale of \$19,500 U. S. Bonds,	22,496	25	
			<u>27,038 67</u>
			<u>\$27,445 57</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books,	-	-	-	-	\$724 10
For periodicals,	-	-	-	-	366 82
For binding,	-	-	-	-	244 57
For salaries,	-	-	-	-	2,500 00
For fuel,	-	-	-	-	181 46
For gas and oil,	-	-	-	-	126 80
For insurance,	-	-	-	-	34 50
For stationery,	-	-	-	-	26 74
For express and postage,	-	-	-	-	21 00
For advertising and printing,	-	-	-	-	128 00
For repairs and furniture,	-	-	-	-	1,368 94
For sundries,	-	-	-	-	67 03
					<u>5,789 96</u>
For ten Delaware & Hudson Canal Registered seven per					
cent. Bonds, interest payable in January and July,					
\$10,000 at 102,	-	-	-	-	10,200 00
For amount on participation in R. I. Hos. Life & Trust Co ,	11,200	00			
For balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank,	255	61			
					<u>21,655 61</u>
					<u>\$27,445 57</u>

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value,	\$1,850 00
63 " " " American National Bank, par value,	3,150 00
10 Delaware and Hudson Registered Bonds, " " -	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in the R.I. Hospital Life & Trust Co.	11,200 00
	<u>\$26,200 00</u>

Tax unpaid on sixteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September, 23, 1872.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1872.

	Share No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.,	349	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Adams John	652	Arnold Welcome	142
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Arnold William R. 2d.	217
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold William S.	388
Akerman Charles	350	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Austin Samuel	2
Aldrich Henry L.	629		
Aldrich Nelson W.	103	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Allen Charles B.	50	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Crawford*	6	Bailey William M. Jr.	149
Allen Philip*	9	Baker George	226
Allen Philip	256	Balch John R.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch Joseph*	205
Ames Samuel.*	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andem Emma W.	490	Balcom E. J.	254
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Ballou David	48
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andrews Theodore	409	Bancroft T. Whiting	210
Andrews Walter P.	630	Barker Frederic A.	520
Angell John W.	287	Barrett William E.	379
Anthony Henry	44	Barstow Amos C.	97
Anthony Henry B.	414	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Anthony John B.	146	Barstow John*	310
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Bartlett John R.	279
Aplin Charles	453	Becker Alexander R.	13
Appleton Henry	402	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Appleton John H.	120	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Armington Asa W.*	289	Beckwith Truman	19
Armington James H.	331	Belden Stanton (N Providence)	392
Armington Matthew W.	83	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Arnold Frederick W.	200	Beverly A. E. G.	342
Arnold John N.	223	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Binney William	558

*Deceased.

Blackwood James W.	154	Calder Albert L.	274
Blake Eli W.	647	Calder George B.	631
Blake Joseph M.	530	Caldwell Samuel L.	579
Blanding William B.	40	Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Carnoe William M.	635
Blodget William P.	387	Carpenter Earl*	486
Boon Charles E.	267	Carpenter George M.	374
Borden Holder.* (Fall River)	288	Carpenter Lydia	592
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Bourn Robert C.	404	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Henry	198	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bowen Holder Borden	640	Central Baptist Society	307
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradford Joseph	250	Chace George I.	224
Bradford S. Standish	65	Chace Henry R.	398
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace Lewis J.	527
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace Thomas E.	627
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chace William M.	176
Brown Edward W.	532	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Brown Henry T.	510	Channing William F.	105
Brown Isaac	245	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown John Carter	77	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Joseph R.	480	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Moses.*	1	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown Samuel W.	454	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown Thomas	212	Child Charles T.	578
Brown William*	324	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brown William Waterman	219	Clafflin George L.	482
Brown William Whipple	466	Clark George H.	428
Browne George H.	585	Clark Thomas M.	411
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Brownell Stephen	410	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin Catharine A.	601	Clarke James M.	501
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke John H.*	313
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Buffum Benjamin	52	Coggeshall James H.	450
Bullock Julia	502	Collins George L.	526
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Collins James C.	460
Bullock William P.*	144	Congdon George W.	257
Burges Walter S.	78	Congdon Gilbert*	72
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon Henry R.	514
Burrington William B.	109	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Burrough Martha H.	367	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Edwin A.	390	Cooke Edward	570
Bush Patience M.	206	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Bush Richard W.	91	Corliss George H.	360
Butler Cyrus.*	7	Corliss William	622
Butts David A. (New York,)	182	Cornett Henry	467
Butts Frank	397	Cornett Henry T.*	564
Butts George W.	597	Cranston Henry C.	548
Cady Shubael H.	536	Crins William H.	562

Crocker Nathan B.*	296	Eddy John H.	311
Cross James M.	561	Ely James W. C.	545
Crooker Josiah W.	605	Ely William	325
Currie George C	451	Ernst Carl W.	590
Cushing Samuel B.	399		
Cutler Edward H.	153	Fairbrother Henry L.	643
		Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Daggett John (Attleborough)	455	Farnum Alexander	228
Dailey Charlotte F.	209	Farnum Susan	45
Dana Newton C.	344	Field Daniel W.	26
Danielson George W.	152	First Baptist Church	405
Darling Levi B.	572	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Dart William H.*	128	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Davis Edmund	620	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davis Thomas	173	Fisher Florence H.	651
Davis William D.	318	Fisher Virgil	528
Day Daniel	53	Fletcher Joseph	368
Day Israel H.	203	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Dearth William G.	117	Foster Ira A.	322
DeMunn Sarah	447	Foster Samuel	576
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Fourth Baptist Church	538
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Frieze Lyman B.	302
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
Dexter Samuel*	95	Fuller William O.	560
Dexter Samuel F.*	554		
Dike Arba B.	483	Gallup Albert S.	503
Duman J. Lewis	194	Gannell William	286
Dorr Sullivan	380	Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Gardner John A.	424
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dorrance James R.	395	Gladding Henry G.	280
Dorrance William T.	92	Glezen Edward K.	407
Dow George S.	634	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dowling George T.	650	Goddard William G.* 2 shares, 234,	406
Downes Lewis T.	448	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Goodwin Daniel	315
Drown William H.	338	Goodwin William P.	582
Duncan Alexander	12	Gorham John	427
Duncan David	261	Gorman Charles E.	464
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Gorton Charles	355
Dunnell Mary	235	Grant Henry T.	641
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Green Arnold	649
Dunwell James P.	412	Green Cornelia E.	429
Durfee Thomas	628	Greene Albert C., cashier,	492
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Albert G.*	332
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Edward A.	213
Dyer John	21	Greene Richard W.	73
Dyer John F.	259	Greene Rufus*	444
Eames Laura C.	107	Greene Sarah A.	290
Earle George B.	573	Greene Welcome A.*	358
Earle William	474	Greene William Albert*	187
Eaton Amasa M.	470	Greene William Albert*	164

Greene William H.	617	Hoppin Carrington	599
Greene William Henry	608	Hoppin George H.	430
Greene William R.	167	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Grosvenor William	108	Hoppin William W.	283
Grout Abby R.	29	Hoskins James B.*	294
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
		Howard Ezra W.*	47
Haines William S.	102	Howard William A.	75
Hale Isaac	382	Howland John A.*	192
Hall Edward B.*	263	Hoyt David W.	581
Hall George W.	496	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Hall J. Clifton	559	Humphreys James	636
Hallett George W.	37	Humphreys Sarah F.	475
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Ham James S*	341	Hunt George	364
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Huston William R.	618
Hamlin William E.	178	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Harkness Albert	357	Hutchins Sterns	175
Harkness Thomas	33		
Harris Amanda G.	281	Ives Robert H.	4
Harris Avis L.	457	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris Cyrus	221	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris David S.	112	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris George J.*	151	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harris Henry P.	24	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Stephen	391	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris Thomas	353	Jenkins William*	5
Harrison Joseph	626	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hart Charles	553	Johnson William S.	329
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones Edward S.	512
Hartshorn Joseph C.	644	Jones John D.*	472
Hawes Amos B.	207		
Hayes Wingate	93	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hayward Lyman	600	Kelley Ebenezer.*	190
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Kelly Wilber.*	125
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hazard George P.	529	Kendall Oliver	505
Hazard Rowland	615	Kilton John B.	148
Heap James	439	King George M. P.	593
Hedge Frederick H., Jr.	238	King William J.	571
Hedge J. D.	136	Kingsbury John	214
Hidden Henry A.	137	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hill Hiram	163	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hill Paris	134	Knight Henry P.	233
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Robert	616
Hinckley Herbert F.	511	Knowles Edward P.	488
Hoard John W.	598	Knowles John P.	71
Holbrook Uriah H.	577	Knowles Joseph	268

Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Mowry William G. R.	10
Larchar John*	39	Mumford George A.	476
Larned Samuel*	306	Murray Robert Jr.	524
Leach Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515		
Leonard George E.	284	Nichols Charles A.	613
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lincoln John L.	119	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lippitt Christopher	150	Nightingale George C.	113
Lippitt Henry	68	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Noyes George C.	295
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lonsdale John H.	602		
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Okie Caroline	638
Lyman Henry B.	67	Okie A. Howard	586
Lyman John W.	126	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Lyon Mary W.	549	Olney Stephen T.	186
		Ormsbee Henry H.	433
McCausland John	231	Ormsbee John S.	347
McFarlane Thomas	468	Osborn William	340
Manton Louisa	551	Owen Ezekiel	54
Martin Anne F.	323	Owen George	401
Martin Annie B.	106	Owen Mary C.	645
Martin Joseph	456	Owen Smith	389
Mason Charles F.	266		
Mason Earl P.	258	Pabodie B. Frank	57
Mason George E.	81	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mason Henry W.	285	Pabodie Charles A.*	96
Mason John N.	222	Padelford Seth, 2 shares	111, 487
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THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM respectfully submit their thirty-eighth annual report to the shareholders:

The organization of the corporation for the past year was completed at the first meeting of the Directors by the unanimous re-election of Mr. William Gammell as President, and Mr. Alexander Farnum as Vice-President. At the same time Mr. J. D. Hedge was re-appointed Librarian, and Miss Mary M. Angell, Assistant Librarian. The regular standing committees of the Board were also appointed.

The duties of the Librarian and of the Assistant Librarian have been performed during the year to the entire satisfaction of the Directors. The care of a library comprising 33,000 volumes, and used as ours is, both as a circulating library and for purposes of reference, involves no small degree of labor and responsibility. In view of the fact that the books in our alcoves are accessible to all visitors for examination and consultation, differing in this respect from most public libraries, the small loss and injury which our library has sustained furnish good evidence of the fidelity of those having it in charge.

At the January meeting of the Board, the Library Committee were authorized to deposit such sum as they should deem proper with some responsible book agent in London, to

be used by the Committee in the purchase of such books as they might order. In the course of the correspondence which ensued upon this subject between the Librarian, on behalf of the Committee and a prominent bookseller in London, it was frankly stated by the latter that new English publications could be purchased much cheaper in New York than a regular dealer in London could buy them there. The authority given to the Committee has not been exercised.

The Committee on the Building and Grounds were authorized last June to cause Pawtuxet water to be brought into the Athenæum building, but this has not as yet been done. The necessity of a supply of pure water for the boiler as well as for other purposes will doubtless lead to its immediate introduction.

The annual statement of the Librarian to the Directors, shows that the number of volumes added to the library during the past year is six hundred and eighty-six, and of pamphlets one hundred and thirty-five. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	385
By gift,	-	-	-	-	182
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The additions consist of folios,			-	-	28
Quartos,	-	-	-	-	35
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	373
Duodecimos <i>et infra</i> ,	-	-	-	-	250
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Of the pamphlets 25 were purchased and 110 given. The average cost of the books bought is \$2.08 per volume, and the

character of them is fully equal to that of those added in any former year. The departments of Science and of the Fine Arts especially, have received many valuable additions. The whole number of volumes in the library reckoning by the annual accessions, is 33,823. But as many volumes are every year worn out and some lost, it is not probable that there are more than 33,000 volumes on the shelves at the present time.

Among the gifts received, special mention should be made of a fine set of "American State papers, second series, from 1822 to 1859 inclusive," in seventeen volumes folio, from Hon. John R. Bartlett. From Hon. Henry B. Anthony the Athenæum has received over fifty volumes of valuable Congressional documents. Hon. Benjamin T. Eames has given to the library the "Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion, 1861—1865." Part 1st. Vols. 1 and 2, 4to., one of the most costly and valuable documents published by Congress. Dr. Charles W. Parsons has added to our collection of illustrated works the "Rhododendrons of Sikkim Himalaya," by Joseph Dalton Hooker, London, 1849, imp. folio.

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A. R. Spofford, Washington, D. C.,	Young Men's Mercantile Library of Cincinnati, Ohio.
D. J. Snider, St. Louis, Mo.,	
Edwin M. Stone,	
Royal C. Taft,	
John C. Thompson,	
Charles H. Titus, Boston, Mass.,	
Francis A. Walker, Washington, D.C.,	
Augustus Woodbury,	
R. B. Woodward, San Francisco, Cal.,	
American Antiquarian Society,	
American Association for the Advancement of Science,	
American News Company,	
Bunker Hill Monument Association,	

The whole number of volumes issued during the year is 22,852, a considerable increase over last year, viz :

Of prose fiction and juvenile books,	-	12,160
Of history and biography, -	-	2,992
Of poetry and belles lettres, -	-	2,026
Of art, science, law and medicine, -	-	1,548
Of periodicals, -	-	1,360
Of voyages and travels, -	-	1,169
Of religion, philosophy, and education,		1,019
Of miscellaneous, -	-	578
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The number of shares extant at the rendering of the last report was 653. Fifty of these have not been used during the past year. Only four new shares have been sold, but a great many have changed hands, as an unusual number of our shareholders have removed from the city, and not less than fourteen have died within the year. The library has been carefully examined by the librarian and his assistant, and twelve volumes are found missing from the shelves and not accounted for; all of them from the department of Fiction and Juvenile books.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts of the year have been 5,611.38, from the following sources :

From new shares sold,	-	-	-	60.00
From taxes,	-	-	-	3,340.00
From dividends and interest,	-	-	-	1,884.00
From Mrs. Anna Richmond for the fountain,				300.00
From other sources,	-	-	-	27.38
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				\$5,611.38

The expenditures have been

For purchase of books and periodicals,	-	1,201.20
For binding,	-	192.82
For salaries,	-	2,537.50
For other expenses,	-	658.07
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		\$4,589.59

Balance of receipts over expenditures, - 1,021.79

Book cases have been erected in the east room of the basement for the better preservation of the newspapers belonging to the institution.

One of the most interesting events in the history of the Athenæum has been the erection of a mural granite drinking fountain on its grounds in front of the main entrance to the building.

At the first meeting of the Directors, after their election, it was stated by Mr. Royal C. Taft,—one of their number,—that a friend of the Athenæum was disposed to make a donation to it of a drinking fountain, should the idea be favorably entertained by the institution. The suggestion was cordially received by the Board, and the subject was referred to the Committee on the Building and Grounds. At the next meeting of the Directors in November, they formally expressed their approval of the undertaking, and in February following, Mr. Taft, who had been appointed a committee to confer with its author, presented plans of the proposed fountain, which were approved and adopted, and resolutions were passed recommending them to the shareholders for their final acceptance and directing a call for a special meeting of the Corporation to act upon the subject.

The shareholders at their meeting thus called, on the 12th day of February, authorized the Directors to accept the offer made to them, and at the meeting of the Board in March, a communication was received from the Water Commissioners of the city stating that they had adopted the proposed fountain as one of the thirty drinking fountains, to be supplied with Pawtuxet water directed by the city council to be erected for public use, provided that the arrangements for its use should be approved by the Chief Engineer.

At the regular meeting of the Directors in the present month, a communication was received from Mr. F. E. Richmond, of this city, announcing the fact of the completion of the fountain, and disclosing the name of its generous giver,

and also communicating her offer of a sum of money, the income of which should be devoted to keeping it in good condition.

Thereupon the Board adopted the following resolution :—

“ *Whereas*, The proposal which was made to the shareholders of the Athenæum in February last, by a friend of the Institution, whose name at the time was not given, to erect a drinking fountain within the Athenæum enclosure, has been carried into full execution since the last meeting of the Board, it is therefore

“ *Resolved*, That the Directors take great pleasure in now placing upon their records the name of Mrs. ANNA RICHMOND, as the author of the proposal which has been so tastefully and successfully executed, and that they hereby on behalf of the shareholders, express to Mrs. Richmond their grateful appreciation of the generous liberality which has prompted her to bestow upon the Athenæum this costly and gratifying benefaction, not only for the adornment of these grounds, but also for the refreshment and comfort of the community.

“ And the Directors have also to acknowledge the additional offer of Mrs. Richmond to give the sum of three hundred dollars, as a fund for keeping the fountain in good condition, which offer they hereby gratefully accept for the purpose for which it has been made.”

A copy of the foregoing resolution was directed to be transmitted by the Secretary to Mrs. Richmond.

The fountain is built of finely cut Concord and Quincy granite, from designs by Messrs. Ware and Van Brunt, architects, of Boston, and is erected on the line of the street, a proper grade of the bank having been made. The design is Gothic, and consists of the wall for retaining the bank, and a drinking basin carved in the face of the wall. The extreme dimensions of the front of the fountain are ten feet nine inches wide and ten feet and eight inches high, and it is finished on the top with a flat pediment surmounting a richly moulded

arch supported on four columns—the shafts of which are polished Quincy granite, and the base and foliated capitals of white Concord granite. The face of the pediment is chastely decorated with leaves carved in *bas relief* covering nearly the whole surface of the wall. The recess formed by the mouldings of the arch is also decorated with carvings, and in it is set the upper drinking basin of shell pattern carved in granite, with the appropriate invitation carved in antique letters, “COME HITHER EVERY ONE THAT THIRSTETH.” The water flows from a concealed pipe into this basin and overflows at three points in as many small thread-like streams into a large and heavily moulded basin sitting on the level of the sidewalk, and from the basin the water overflows into the drain below.

Some of the reports of the Directors of this Institution have, after calling the attention of the shareholders to the treasures which have been for so many years accumulating within its walls, urged upon them the importance of enlarging its means of usefulness and extending its field of influence. Special plans have been, from time to time, suggested for increasing the number of its shareholders as well as for otherwise adding to its resources. These exertions in its behalf have, doubtless, been prompted partly by a belief that its growth was not commensurate with that of the wealth or population of our city, and partly from a fear that without special efforts the institution would lose ground. We do not share either in the belief or in the apprehension. A chief purpose for which the Athenæum is established is that it may be a repository of valuable books to which the artist, and the artisan, the professional man,—indeed, all who have need of books may refer for instruction or entertainment. This purpose, we submit, is best achieved in the purchase of books by a regard to their character rather

than to their number, and in such a management of the affairs of the institution, as to deserve the confidence of the community in which it exists. A love of learning cannot be forced, and even if it could, it is doubtful if the forcing process would produce a hardier growth in the fields of science and literature, than it does in those of the more material world. In this spirit of sure if not rapid progress the Athenæum has, during the the past year kept the even tenor of its way, striking out into no new paths but content to pursue the course to which it has heretofore been indebted for its prosperity.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 22, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 23d, 1872, - - \$255 61

RECEIPTS.

For four new shares sold at \$15,	-	-	\$60 00
For tax assessed Sept. 23, 1872, collected on 643 shares,			3,215 00
“ “ “ “ 25, 1871, “ “ 18 “			90 00
For tax received on seven shares rented,	-	-	35 00
For fines collected,	-	-	10 20
For dividends and interest on invested funds,	-	-	1,884 00
For sale of old carpet and book cases,	-	-	17 18
For amount from Mrs. Anna Richmond, for keeping Drinking Fountain in permanent repair,	-		300 00
			<u>5,611 38</u>
			<u>\$5,866 99</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books,	-	-	-	840 67
For periodicals,	-	-	-	360 53
For binding,	-	-	-	192 82
For stationery,	-	-	-	38 79
For salaries,	-	-	-	2,537 50
For fuel,	-	-	-	185 30
For gas,	-	-	-	122 05
For express and postage,	-	-	-	25 70
For advertising and printing,	-	-	-	147 40
For repairs and furniture,	-	-	-	45 26
For insurance	-	-	-	59 10
For sundries,	-	-	-	34 47
				<u>\$4,589 59</u>
For balances this day in R. I. Hospital Trust Co. and Manufacturers National Bank,				1,277 40
				<u>\$5,866 99</u>

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of
 74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par
 value, - - - - \$1,550 00
 63 shares in the American National Bank, par value, 3,150 00
 10 Delaware and Hudson Canal Registered Bonds, 10,000 00
 Deposit on participation in the R. I. Hospital Trust Co., 11,200 00
\$26,200 00

Tax unpaid on ten shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 22, 1873.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1873.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Welcome	142
Adams John	652	Arnold William R., 2d.	217
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Arnold William S.	388
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Akerman Charles	350	Austin Samuel	2
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Aldrich Nelson W.	103	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Charles B.	50	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Allen Crawford*	6	Baker George	226
Allen Philip*	9	Balch John R.	339
Allen Philip*	256	Balch Joseph*	205
Allen Zachariah	8	Balcom E. J.	254
Ames Samuel*	171	Ballou David	48
Andem Emma W.	490	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Bancroft T. Whiting	210
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barker Frederic A.	520
Andrews Theodore	409	Barrett William E.	379
Andrews Walter P.	630	Barstow Amos C.	97
Angell John W.	287	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Anthony Henry	44	Barstow John*	310
Anthony Henry B.	414	Bartlett John R.	279
Anthony John B.	146	Becker Alexander R.	13
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Aplin Charles	453	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Appleton Henry	402	Beckwith Truman	19
Appleton John H.	120	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Armington Asa W.*	289	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Armington James H.	331	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Armington Matthew W.	83	Beverly George	342
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Arnold John N.	223	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Binney William	558
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Blackwood James W.	154
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Blake Eli W.	647

* Deceased.

Blake Charles	530	Calder George B.	631
Blanding R. H.	531	Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Blanding William B.	40	Carnoe William M.	635
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Carpenter Earl*	486
Blodget William P.*	387	Carpenter George M.	374
Boon Charles E.	267	Carpenter Lydia	592
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Caswell Alexis	270
Bourn Robert C.	404	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bowen Henry	198	Central Baptist Society	307
Bowen Holder Borden	640	Central Congregational Society	49
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Chace George I.	224
Bradford Joseph	250	Chace Henry R.	398
Bradford S. Standish	65	Chace Lewis J.	527
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace Thomas E.	627
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace William M.	176
Broadway Meth. Epis. Church	484	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Brown Adeline	245	Channing William F.	105
Brown Edward W.	532	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown Henry T.	510	Chapin George W.	337
Brown John Carter	77	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Joseph R.	480	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown Moses*	1	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown Samuel W.	454	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Child Charles T.	578
Brown Thomas	212	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brown William*	324	Claffin George L.	482
Brown William Waterman	219	Clark George H.	428
Brown William Whipple	466	Clark Thomas M.	411
Browne George H.	585	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clarke George L.	612
Brownell Stephen	410	Clarke James M.	501
Bucklin Katharine A.	601	Clarke John H.*	313
Bucklin James C.	373	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Coggeshall James H.	450
Buffum Benjamin	52	Collins George L.	526
Bullock Julia	502	Collins, James C.	460
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Congdon George W.	257
Bullock William P.*	144	Congdon Gilbert*	72
Burges Walter S.	78	Congdon Henry R.	514
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Burrough Martha H.	367	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Edwin A.	390	Cook Edward	570
Bush Patience M.	206	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Bush Richard W.	91	Corliss George H.	360
Butler Cyrus*	7	Corliss William	622
Butts David A. (New York,)	182	Cranston Henry C.	548
Butts Frank	397	Crins William H.	562
Butts George W.	597	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
		Cross James M.	561
Cady Shubael H.	536	Crooker Josiah W.	605
Calder Albert L.	274	Cushing Samuel B.*	399

Cutler Edward H.	153	Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Daggett John (Attleborough)	455	Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Dailey Charlotte F.	209	Farnum Alexander	228
Dana Newton C.	344	Farnum Susan	45
Danielson George W.	152	Field Daniel W.	26
Dart William H.*	128	First Baptist Church	405
Davis Edmund	620	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Davis Thomas	173	First Presbyterian Church	419
Davis William D.	318	First Universalist Society of Prov.	556
Day Albert Clifford	203	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Day Daniel	53	Fisher Virgil	528
Dearth William G.	117	Fletcher Joseph	368
DeMunn Sarah	447	Fogg Ezra D.	396
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Foster Ira A.	322
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Foster Samuel	576
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Dexter Samuel*	95	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
Dexter Samuel F*	554	Fuller William O.	560
Dike Arba B.	483	Gallup Albert S.	503
Diman J. Lewis	194	Gammell Asa Messer	564
Dorr Sullivan	380	Gammell William	286
Dorrance Amy G.*	416	Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Gardner John A.	424
Dorrance James R.	395	Gardner Leonora	302
Dorrance William T.	92	Garvin L. F. C.	651
Dow George S.	634	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Downes Lewis T.	448	Gladding Henry G.	280
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Glezen Edward K.	407
Drown William H.	338	Goddard, Mrs. Moses B. I.,	655
Duncan Alexander	12	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Duncan David*	261	Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Goodwin Daniel	315
Dunnell Mary	235	Goodwin William P.	582
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Gorham John	427
Dunwell James P.	412	Gorman Charles E.	464
Durfee Thomas	628	Gorton Charles	355
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Grant Henry T.	641
Dyer Elisha	159	Green Arnold	649
Dyer John	21	Green Cornelia E.	429
Dyer John F.	259	Greene Albert C., Cashier,	492
Eames Laura C.	107	Greene Edward A.	213
Earle George B.	573	Greene Edward P.	25
Earle William	474	Greene Isaac C.	444
Eastman Samuel C.	332	Greene Richard W.	73
Eaton Amasa M.	470	Greene Sarah A.	290
Eddy James	475	Greene Welcome A.*	358
Eddy John H.	311	Greene William Albert*	187
Ely James W. C.	545	Greene William Albert*	164
Ely William	325	Greene William H.	617
Ernst Carl W., 2 shares	467, 590	Greene William Henry	608
		Greene William R.	167

Greenwood Harriet W.	654	Hoppin George H.	430
Grosvenor William	108	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Grout Abby R.	29	Hoppin William W.	283
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Hoskins James B.*	294
		Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Haines William S.	102	Howard Ezra W.*	47
Hale Isaac	382	Howard William A.	75
Hall George W.	496	Howland John A.*	192
Hall J. Clifton	559	Hoyt David W.	581
Hallett George W.	37	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Humphreys James	636
Ham James S.*	341	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Hunt George	364
Hamlin William E*	178	Huston William R.	618
Harkness Albert	357	Hutchins Louise	109
Harkness Thomas	33	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Harris Amanda G.	281	Hutchins Sterns	175
Harris Avis L.	457		
Harris C. Fiske	204	Ives Robert H.	4
Harris Cyrus	221		
Harris David S.	112	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris George J.*	151	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris Henry P.	24	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris Stephen	391	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris Thomas	353	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harrison Joseph	626	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Hart Charles	553	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jenkins William*	5
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jewett Mary L.	610
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hartshorn Joseph C	644	Johnson William S.	329
Hawes Amos B.	207	Jollie Edward	86
Hayes Wingate	93	Jones Albert J.	82
Hayward Lyman	600	Jones Edward S.	512
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Jones John D.*	472
Hazard Edward H.	583		
Hazard George P.	529	Keach Mary T.	200
Hazard Rowland	615	Keith Christopher T.	507
Heap James	439	Kelley Ebenezer*	109
Hedge Frederick H., Jr.	238	Kelley Abby E.	125
Hedge J. D.	136	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hemperley, Francis H.	383	Kendall Oliver	505
Hidden Henry A.	137	Kilton John B.	148
Hill Hiram	163	King George M. P.	593
Hill Paris	134	King William J.	571
Hill Thomas J.	363	Kingsbury John	214
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hinckley Herbert F.	511	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hoard John W.	598	Knight Henry P.	233
Holbrook A.	451	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Holbrook Uriah H.	577	Knight Robert	616
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knowles Edward P.	488

Knowles John P.	71	Morse Alpheus C.	588
Knowles Joseph	268	Moulton & Ingraham	506
		Mowry Martha H.	104
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Mowry Scott W.	300
Larchar John*	39	Mowry William G. R.	10
Larned Samuel*	306	Mumford George A.	476
Leach, Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515	Murray Robert, Jr.	524
Lester J. Erastus	572		
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Nichols Charles A.	613
Lincoln Clarissa E.	284	Nickerson S. H.	196
Lincoln John L.	119	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lippitt Christopher	150	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lippitt Henry	68	Nightingale George C.	113
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lockwood Alice	351	Nisbit William	31
Lonsdale John H.	602	Noyes George C.	295
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lyman Henry B.	67		
Lyman John W.	126	Okie Caroline	638
Lyon Mary W.	549	Okie A. Howard	586
		Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
McCausland John	231	Olney Stephen T.	186
McFarlane Thomas	468	Ordway A. L.	334
Manchester Emma L.	478	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Manton Louisa	551	Ormsbee John S.	347
Martin Anne F.	323	Osborn William	340
Martin Annie B.	106	Owen Ezekiel	54
Martin Joseph	456	Owen George	401
Mason Charles F.	266	Owen Mary C.	645
Mason Earl P.	258	Owen Smith	389
Mason George E.	81		
Mason Henry W.	285	Pabodie B. Frank	57
Mason John N.	222	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mason Owen	216	Pabodie Charles A.*	96
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Padelford Seth, 2 shares	111, 487
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Paige Henry	362
Mauran Abby	62	Paine Amasa*	115
Mauran Suchet, 2d*	330	Paine Daniel*	328
Mead Marshall B.	508	Palmer Amelia F.	131
Merrill William S.	314	Palmer Fannie	609
Merriman Charles H.	537	Palmer John B.*	500
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Parish J. S.	312
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Metcalf Joel, Jr.	70	Parkhurst Clara E.	653
Metcalf John	642	Parkhurst William H.	155
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Parsons Charles W., 2 shares	35, 375
Miles Amanda	118	Patten Joseph H.	239
Miller Charles T.	443	Patten William S.	237
Miller Frederick	518	Payne Abraham	497
Miller Horace G.	632	Payton Eliza J.	264
Mitchell John A.	603	Pearce Edward	185
Mitchell Thomas L.	452	Pearce Edward, Jr.	421

Pearce Edward D.	321	Ripley James M.	28
Pearce Thomas*	30	Robinson Charles P.	459
Pearson Luther*	23	Robinson E. G.	236
Peck Allen O.*	211	Robinson William A.*	489
Peck George B.	376	Rogers, Horatio	400
Peckham Edward L.	481	Rogers Joseph*	301
Peckham Fenner H.	533	Russell Hope B. Ives	3
Peckham Frank B.	309		
Peckham Joseph C.*	319	Sabin Charles	201
Peckham Samuel W.	135	Sackett Adnah*	317
Peckham Thomas*	22	Salisbury Charles T.	513
Peirce Edwin J.	471	Salisbury Levi	575
Peirce Fenelon A.	523	Salisbury Samuel S.*	425
Peirce John	413	Sawin Isaac W.	241
Peirce Kate L.	170	Sawyer John W.	435
Perry Amos	458	Shaw Allen	251
Perry Herbert L.	247	Shaw Emma Graves	377
Phillips George R.	579	Shaw Mary A.	587
Phillips Thomas*	378	Shearman Sylvester G.*	308
Pierce George A.	218	Shedd J. Herbert	637
Pierce William G.	422	Sheldon Francis J.	158
Pitman Henry	197	Sheldon Nicholas	188
Pitman John*	63	Shepard Thomas P.	385
Pond Charles G.	225	Simmons James S.	291
Pope William H.	498	Simmons Josiah	473
Porter Emery M.	80	Sinmons W. Seabury	607
Potter Asa K.	625	Slade George H.	354
Potter Charles*	55	Slater John 2d*	11
Potter William H.	139	Slater William S.	621
Power Street Meth. Epis. Church	361	Slocum Jonathan L.	463
Pratt Peter*	17	Smith Amos D.	101
Pratt William H.	495	Smith Amos D., 3d	648
		Smith Charles Morris	449
Randolph George	606	Smith Ferdinand	15
Randolph John R.	521	Smith James Y.	504
Rathbone Stephen K.*	20	Smith John W.	215
Razee S. W.	133	Smith Elma L.	90
Read Francis	434	Snow Lucinda M.	66
Read James H., 2 shares	84, 432	Snow William C.*	275
Reynolds James	333	Southwick Isaac H.	32
Reynolds John*	320	Sprague Amasa	293
Reynolds William H.	415	Stafford Robert R.	100
Rhoades Lawrence	42	Stanley J. W.	650
Rhodes James T.*	232	Staples Carlton A.	263
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Staples William R.*	181
Rice Howard M.	479	Stayner Sarah Hood	569
Richards Charles A. L.	604	Stead Thomas J.*	249
Richmond Anna, trustee	46	Steere Jonah*	420
Richmond Frank E.	157	Steere Thomas	381
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Steere Thomas E.	16
Rickard Roswell R.	43	Stockbridge John C.	132
Rickard William W.	494	Stockwell Thomas B.	199

Stone Alfred	417	Utley Leander*	242
Stone Emily C.	172		
Stowe Walter W.	646	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Sutton Edward	335	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Swan Jarvis B.	255	Vose Seth M.	440
Sweet Joseph	276		
		Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Taft Cyrus	161	Warner James M.	138
Taft James W.	624	Warner William W.	657
Taft Orray*	59	Waterman Emily	180
Taft Royal C.	465	Waterman Henry	278
Talbot Theodore B.	535	Waterman Resolved	41
Talbot William R.	56	Waterman Rufus	277
Taylor Daniel A.	534	Waterman William H.	240
Taylor John H.	87	Watson Matthew*	27
Temple William	436	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Thayer Euclid C.	386	Weeden Frank E.	656
Thomas George B.	591	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Prov.)	394
Thomas Hiram H.	370	Weeden William B.	522
Thompson John C., Jr.	365	Weeden William G.	246
Thurber Edmund	509	Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
Thurston Benjamin F.	356	West George	372
Tibbitts Mary R.	227	Westcott Amasa S.	639
Tibbitts William W.*	552	Wheaton George, 2d	550
Tillinghast James	272	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Tillinghast Sophia F.	74	Wheeler Charles H.	18
Tingley Albert H.	177	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Tingley Edmund W.	124	Whitaker Henry C.	121
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REPORT.

IN submitting their annual report, in compliance with the constitution, the Directors cannot refrain from congratulating the stockholders upon the steady and continuous, if not rapid, growth of the institution. Eight and thirty years ago the Athenæum was formed by the combination of two weak and languishing public libraries. The first annual report of the Directors in 1837 showed that, at that time, the whole number of volumes belonging to the corporation was 4,162, that the total number of shareholders was 293, and that the library was accessible to the proprietors for two hours only each day, though a reading room, supplied with periodicals, was open in the evening. From such inconsiderable beginnings did our present thriving and vigorous institution spring.

Encouraging as has been the past growth of the Athenæum, it cannot but be a matter of regret that in the richest city for its size in the Union, with a population of a hundred thousand inhabitants, only six hundred and fifty-three persons care to avail themselves of the privilege of becoming shareholders, for though not technically an absolutely free public library, yet the cost of a share is so moderate, and the annual tax is so

light, compared with other institutions of a kindred character, that few persons, having a taste for books, would be deterred from owning shares for pecuniary reasons.

The Board organized at the beginning of the past year by the re-election of Professor William Gammell as President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., as Vice-President. Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was appointed Librarian, and Miss Mary M. Angell, Assistant Librarian.

In April last Mr. Hedge completed twenty years of continuous service in his present position. Though a score of re-elections is the most significant mark of appreciation of the Librarian, still, upon his rounding up so full a measure of official connection with the institution, we desire to add our testimony to that of numerous Boards of Directors that have preceded us, to the fidelity, ability and courtesy, with which he has discharged his duties; and we earnestly hope that his life may be spared for many years to come, and that the relations now so pleasantly existing, may long continue.

The library has been closed the past year for two hours each day, from one to three, throughout the months of July and August, as during the preceding two years; a measure that has afforded great relief to the Librarians, and, it is believed, has resulted in no detriment to the institution.

The Directors were authorized at a previous annual meeting to introduce Pawtuxet water into the library building, but it has not yet been done. Upon the introduction of water a drain pipe must be laid, and as such a pipe cannot be laid without great and unnecessary expense, until the new sewer on Benefit street, about to be constructed, shall have been completed, the Board deemed it the part of wisdom and economy to make no move in the matter, until they could push it to a rapid and satisfactory conclusion. Undoubtedly before the next return

of the annual meeting, the long needed convenience of water will have been attained.

The Directors gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of five hundred dollars under the will of the late Miss Lydia Carpenter, of Pawtucket, which sum has been added to the permanent investments of the corporation. It is with pleasure that the announcement of so substantial a mark of interest in the Athenæum is made, for generous as have been numerous friends in the past, yet it has often occasioned surprise that more of our wealthy and liberal citizens have not embraced the opportunity of assisting an institution, that could not fail to shed an elevating and refining influence over our city for all time to come.

From the Treasurer's report for the past year, we obtain the following figures:

RECEIPTS.

From six new shares sold,	.	.	.	\$90.00
From taxes,	.	.	.	3,130.00
From dividends and interest,	.	.	.	1,916.66
From bequest of Miss Lydia Carpenter,	.	.	.	500.00
From other sources,	.	.	.	307.92
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Total,	.	.	.	\$5,944.58

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries,	.	.	.	\$2,587.50
For books and periodicals,	.	.	.	1,378.60
For addition to permanent fund,	.	.	.	800.00
For other purposes,	.	.	.	1,004.96
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Total,	.	.	.	\$5,771.06

The Librarian has furnished us with the following statement, viz. :—

The Librarian reports that the number of volumes added to the library during the past year is eight hundred and eighty-five; of pamphlets three hundred and eighteen; of maps, three; and of broadsides, ten. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	644
By gift,	-	-	-	-	106
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets	-	-	-	-	135
					<hr/> 885

Distributed according to sizes the additions consist of

Folios,	-	-	-	-	28
Quartos.	-	-	-	-	31
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	459
Duodecimos et infra,	-	-	-	-	347
					<hr/> 885

The most noticeable fact with regard to the purchases of the year is, that over 300 of the volumes are modern French and Italian books, the greater portion of them imported to order, in accordance with a vote of the board of Directors. It is also worthy of notice that very few juvenile books have been added to the library during the year.

The whole number of volumes in the Library at the rendering of the last annual report was by actual count 33,607, a larger number than was anticipated, considering the number annually worn out and lost. The number of volumes at present on our shelves is 34,492. Of these about 500 are duplicates which it would be well to dispose of.

Of the pamphlets, 16 were bought and 302 given ; 175 of them relating to the proceedings of the Sanitary Commission during the war of the rebellion, by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, who gave us also 26 volumes on the same subject.

A list of the benefactors to the library will be found appended to this report.

Six new shares have been sold, and there have been nineteen transfers of old shares.

With the growth of the Library and the gradual increase in the number of shareholders there is, as might be expected, an increase in our circulation. The number of volumes given out during the year is 23,767.

Of prose, fiction, and juvenile books,	-	12,505
“ history and biography,	- -	3,601
“ poetry and belles lettres,	- -	1,942
“ art, science, law, and medicine,	-	1,708
“ periodicals,	- - - -	1,237
“ voyages and travels,	- -	1,083
“ religion, philosophy and education,	-	1,082
miscellaneous,	- -	607
		<hr/> 23,767

The greatest number of volumes delivered in any month was in January, being 2,494.

The greatest on any day, on February 14th, being 202.

The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his Assistant. and found to be generally in good condition. Many of the volumes in the alcoves of fiction and juvenile department are badly worn, but perhaps not more than was to be expected. Eight volumes are missing from the shelves, and not accounted for; but none that cannot easily be replaced. Three of those that were missing last year have been returned to the shelves.

It will be observed from the Librarian's report, that considerable additions in some of the modern languages have been made. It has long been deemed desirable to enlarge this department of the library, especially in contemporaneous literature, and the hope has been frequently expressed that the time might not be far distant when such enlargement would be practicable. Thus, in the very first report of the Directors, made in 1837, we find the following: "Your Board do not feel themselves warranted by the state of your funds, in purchasing for the library any books, which cannot be read by those who are familiar only with the mother tongue. At some future day, the reasons for this restricted course will, it is hoped, cease to exist."

In the report of 1851 we find the same hope reiterated in these words: "The increase of the library by the possession of the best works, not only in our own, but in all the polite languages of Europe, is the first wish as well as the final aim, of the proprietors and guardians of this institution."

The Board dwell at length upon this subject in 1868, and conclude with these sentences: "A culture that should ignore the teachings and amenities of German, French or Italian classical literature, would be narrow in the extreme, and only less bigoted than that which would despise the glories of modern continental European literature. It is very much to be regretted that the works of so few foreign contemporaneous writers are to be found on the Athenæum's shelves in the original. A source of great profit and pleasure to those stockholders familiar with foreign languages, and a strong incentive to the study of those languages is wanting. But it is hoped that in future years this want may be supplied; and that with more ample shelf room and an increasing fund for the purchase of new books, the Athenæum will be able to fill out these lean places in its organism."

The present Board share the views expressed by so many of their predecessors, and though important additions to this department have been made from time to time, there is still a great deficiency; and, in contemporaneous literature, prior to the year, of which the relation is now being given, the library was barren indeed. For the purpose of remedying this deficiency, in part, the Directors in January last authorized the Library Committee to procure books in French and German to the amount of three hundred dollars. In compliance with such authority a number of French books, wholly by contemporaneous authors, and, it is believed, well selected, have been purchased.

A few facts relating to the growth of this branch of the library may not be devoid of interest. The first catalogue, issued in 1837, contains but three titles in the modern languages of continental Europe, all in French, and include only ten volumes, eight of which are the works of Moliere. The supplemental catalogue published in 1839, shows a considerable advance in two years, for in it we find eleven titles of French works in 117 volumes, sixteen titles of Italian in 64 volumes, and one Spanish work in one volume, making a total of 28 titles and 182 volumes. At the present time there are 1,714 volumes in this department on the shelves of the Athenæum; of these the large majority are in French; next in point of numbers are those in Italian, then German, and finally Spanish, in which latter tongue there are very few indeed. In the statistics just given, dictionaries, maps and charts have been excluded.

In no department has the institution been so indebted to the generosity of friends as in this. Many elegant and costly works on art, in French or Italian, have been presented to the library at different times; the names of Messrs. Crawford

Allen, Philip Allen, Jr., George H. Whitney, Holder Borden, Bowen, the Hon. Seth Padelford, with several others, being conspicuous among the donors. But not alone in art do we find the gifts of books in foreign languages considerable, for in 1839 a donation of 57 volumes in Italian, in various branches of literature, was made by the Hon. Thomas M. Burgess, and likewise one of 61 volumes of Italian drama, in the original, by Mrs. Edward B. Hall. In 1840, Horatio N. Slater, Esq., enriched this department by the gift of 236 volumes of French classics. Dr. Marshall Woods presented upwards of 50 volumes in French, upon public health, in 1854; and in 1870, the library was indebted to Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., for 40 volumes of works in German. To enumerate the names, however, of all givers in this branch, or the various additions made by purchase, would occupy too much time and space for the limits of this report. It is hoped that every year, or at least every few years, a certain sum, even if comparatively small, may be set apart for the purchase of works in the foreign languages, especially in contemporaneous literature.

During the past year, two of the earliest friends and benefactors of the Athenæum, John Carter Brown, Esq. and the Hon. William S. Patten, have deceased. Mr. Brown was a member of the first Board of Directors, and a liberal contributor towards the support of this institution. Although the collector of one of the most splendid private libraries in America, the fame of which is known to scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, he did not forget to devote some of his ample means to the growth of this library, that others might share in those literary advantages which he himself so thoroughly prized.

From the inception of the Athenæum down to 1870 Mr. Patten was officially identified with it; and, throughout his

whole life, his interest in its welfare never flagged. For nine years he was Vice-President, and for fourteen years President of the Board, and when at last he declined the re-election that was tendered him, the Directors gave expression to their appreciation of his services by causing a suitable minute to be entered on their records. At the meeting of the Board immediately succeeding Mr. Patten's death, our President alluded in appropriate terms to the career of his deceased predecessor, and fittingly recognized the zeal and fidelity that had placed this institution under such lasting obligations. Mr. Patten, at his death, was Chancellor of Brown University, and during his life filled many honorable positions. Happy is he, who like the subject of these remarks, can pass from the busy walks of life to the silent realms of death, and leave a character worthy the emulation of all that may follow after him.

By order and in behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 28, 1874.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Joshua M. Addeman, Secretary of State.....	1	1
James B. Angell, Ann Arbor, Mich.....		1
William M. Bailey, Jr.,.....	1	
Wm. Whitman Bailey,.....	6	
Spencer F. Baird, Washington, D. C.....	1	
Henry T. Beckwith.....		12
Thomas W. Bicknell.....	1	
William Binney.....		1
Gustave Bossange, Paris.....		1
Holder Borden Bowen.....	5	1
David F. Boyd, Baton Rouge, L.....		1
Charles H. Brigham, Ann Arbor, Mich.....		1
Samuel W. Brown.....	2	
Edward T. Caswell.....		1
William W. Chapin.....		1
George W. Childs, Philadelphia.....	1	
Peleg Clarke, Johnston, R. I.....	10	
Thomas M. Clark, 3 Maps, 6 Broadsides.....	26	175
James M. Cross.....		1
William Douglas.....		1
Thomas L. Dunnell.....		1
Anrasa M. Eaton.....		3
John Eaton, Jr., Washington, D. C.....	1	4
Richard S. Edes, Bolton, Mass.....	1	
Carl W. Ernst.....	1	3
William Gammell.....		2
Samuel S. Green, Worcester, Mass.....		1
Reuben A. Guild.....		2
Dexter A. Hawkins, New York city.....		1
J. D. Hedge.....	21	19
Miss E. O. Hinton.....	4	3
L. P. Hubbard, New York city.....		1
Charles C. Jones, Jr., New York city.....	1	1
Thomas Laurie.....		2
John Erastus Lester.....	1	
Horace G. Miller.....	2	
Mrs. Horace G. Miller.....		3
B. G. Northrop, Hartford, Conn.....	2	
Charles W. Parsons.....	4	
C. P. Patterson, Washington, D. C.....	1	
Henry Pickering, Secretary, Boston, Mass.....		1
Howard M. Rice.....	2	1
John W. Sawyer.....		1
Barnas Sears, Staunton, Va.....		1
Mrs. J. Herbert Shedd.....	1	
Edwin M. Snow.....		1
A. R. Spofford, Washington, D. C.....		1
S. E. Staples, Worcester, Mass.....		1
Alfred Stone.....		1
Charles H. Titus, Boston, Mass.....	1	3
Stephen R. Weeden.....		1
Alexander S. Wheeler, Boston, Mass.....		1
Henry E. Whipple.....	1	
American Antiquarian Society.....		2
American Missionary Association, The Freedmen's Journal.		
American Peace Society, The Advocate of Peace.....		

	Vols.	Pamph.
American Unitarian Association. The Religious Magazine..		2
Bunker Hill Monument Association.....		6
Committee of the Cobden Club, London.....		1
Directors of the Public Library, Chicago.....		2
Editors of "The Brunonian.".....		12
Editors of "Our Dumb Animals.".....		12
Editors of "The Patent Right Gazette.".....		1
General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of New York city.		1
Hartford Young Men's Institute	1	1
Library Committee of the Public Library of Indianapolis....	1	
Mercantile Library Association of Baltimore.....		1
Mercantile Library Association of New York city.....		1
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco.....		1
Philadelphia Library Company.....		1
Public Free Library, Manchester, England.....		2
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.....		1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.....		1
Trustees of the Free Public Library, Watertown, Mass.....		1
Trustees of the Public Library, Boston, Mass.....		5
Trustees of the Public Library, Brookline, Mass.....	1	
Trustees of the Public Library, Charlestown, Mass.. ..		1
Trustees of the Public Library, Hyde Park, Mass.....	1	
Trustees of the Public Library, Lawrence, Mass.....	1	5
Trustees of the Public Library, Taunton, Mass.....		1
United States, Department of Engineers.		1
United States, Department of the Interior.....		1
United States, Department of War....	2	1
United States Patent Office. The Official Gazette.....		
Wilmington Institute.....		1
Young Men's Association of the city of Buffalo.....		1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 22, 1873. - - \$1,277 40

RECEIPTS.

For six new shares sold at \$15.	-	-	\$10 00
For tax assessed Sept. 22, 1873, collected on 618 shares,	-	-	3,090 00
“ “ “ “ 23, 1872, “ “ 8 “	-	-	40 00
For shares rented,	-	-	22 50
For three shares sold for non payment of taxes,	-	-	30 00
For fines collected,	-	-	206 70
For dividends and interest on invested funds,	-	-	1,916 66
For amount of bequest from Miss Lydia Carpenter,	-	-	500 00
For amount received from adjoining estates for their proportion of cost of fence,	-	-	48 72
			<u>5,944 58</u>
			<u>\$7,221 98</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books,	-	-	-	\$992 64
For periodicals,	-	-	-	385 96
For binding,	-	-	-	241 84
For stationary and blank books,	-	-	-	34 92
For salaries,	-	-	-	2,587 50
For fuel,	-	-	-	187 35
For gas,	-	-	-	120 25
For advertising and printing,	-	-	-	168 14
For express and postage,	-	-	-	32 20
For repairs and furniture,	-	-	-	78 35
For insurance,	-	-	-	96 50
For sundries,	-	-	-	45 41
				<u>\$4 971 06</u>
Added to permanent fund,	-	-	-	800 00
Balance this day in R. I. Hospital Trust Co. and Manufacturers National Bank,	-	-	-	1,450 92
				<u>\$7,221 98</u>

The invested funds of the corporation consist of 74
 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank, \$1,850 00
 63 shares in American National Bank, - 3,150 00
 10 shares in Delaware and Hudson Canal Registered
 Bonds, - - - - - 10,000 00
 Deposit on participation in R. I. Hospital Trust Co., 12,000 00
\$27,000 00

Tax unpaid on thirty-nine shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 28, 1874.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1874.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Arnold William S.	388
Adams George J.	619	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Austin Samuel	2
Adie Alexander F.	517		
Akerman Charles	350	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Bailey William M.	165
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Aldrich Nelson W.	103	Baker George	226
Allen Charles B.	50	Balch John R.	339
Allen Philip*	256	Balch Joseph*	205
Allen Sarah S.	6	Balcom E. J.	254
Allen Zachariah	8	Ballou David	48
Ames Samuel*	171	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andem Emma W.	490	Barker Frederick A.	520
Andrews Betsy, executrix	348	Barrett William E.	379
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barstow Amos C.	97
Andrews Theodore	409	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Andrews Walter P.	630	Barstow John*	310
Angell John W.	287	Bartlett John R.	279
Anthony Henry	44	Becker Alexander R.	13
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Anthony John B.	146	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Truman	19
Aplin Charles	453	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Appleton Henry	402	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Appleton John H.	120	Benefit street Free Chapel	491
Armington Asa W.*	289	Beverly George	342
Armington James H.	331	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Armington Matthew W.	83	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Binney William	558
Arnold John N.	223	Blackwood James W.	154
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Blake Eli W.	647
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Blake Charles	530
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Blanding R. H.	531
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Blanding William B.	40
Arnold Welcome	142	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Arnold William R., 2d.	217	Blodget William P.*	387

*Deceased.

Boon Charles E.	267	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Caswell Alexis	270
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bourn Robert C.	404	Central Baptist Society	307
Bowen Henry	198	Central Congregational Society	49
Bowen Holder Borden	640	Chace George I.	224
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Chace Henry R.	398
Bradford Joseph	250	Chace Lewis J.	527
Bradford S. Standish	65	Chace Thomas E.	627
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace William M.	176
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Broadway Meth. Epis. Church	484	Channing William F.	105
Brown Adeline	245	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown Edward W.	532	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Henry T.	510	Chapin John F.	596
Brown John Carter*	77	Chapin Johua B.	423
Brown Joseph R.	480	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown Moses*	1	Child Lewis P.*	345
Brown Samuel W.	454	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brown street Baptist Society	574	Church of the Saviour	239
Brown Thomas	212	Clafin George L.	482
Brown William*	324	Clark George H.	428
Brown William Waterman	219	Clark Thomas M.	411
Brown William Whipple	466	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Browne George H.	585	Clarke George L.	612
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clarke James M.	501
Brownell Stephen	410	Clarke John H.*	313
Bucklin Katharine A.	601	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Bucklin James C.	373	Coggeshall James H.	450
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Cole J. C. W.	210
Buffum Benjamin	52	Collins George L.	526
Bullock Julia	502	Congdon George W.	257
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Congdon Gilbert*	72
Bullock William P.*	144	Congdon Henry R.	514
Burges Walter S.	78	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon Sarah W.	592
Burrough Martha H.	367	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Edwin A.	390	Cook Edward	570
Bush Patience M.	306	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Bush Richard W.	91	Corliss George H.	360
Butler Cyrus*	7	Corliss William	622
Butts David A. (New York,)	182	Cranston Henry C.	548
Butts Frank	397	Crins William H.	562
Butts George W.	597	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
		Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cady Shubael H.	536	Cross James M.	561
Calder Albert L.	274	Cushing Samuel B.*	399
Calder George B.	631	Cutler Edward H.	153
Carlisle Elizabeth	441		
Carnoe Willam M.	635	Daggett John (Attleborough)	455
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Carpenter George M.	374	Dana Newton C.	344

Danielson George W.	152	Farnum Alexander	228
Danielson John W.	661	Farnum Susan	45
Dart William H.*	128	Field Daniel W.	26
Davis Edmund	620	First Baptist Church	405
Davis Thomas	173	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Davis William D.	318	First Presbyterian Church	419
Day Albert Clifford	203	First Universalist Society of Prov.	556
Day Daniel	53	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Dearth William G.	117	Fisher Virgil	528
DeMunn Sarah	447	Fletcher Joseph	368
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Fogg Ezra D.	396
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Foster Ira A.	322
Dexter Christopher	593	Foster Samuel	576
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Dexter Samuel*	95	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Fuller William O.	560
Dike Arba B.	483		
Diman J. Lewis	194	Gammell Asa Messer	564
Dorr Sullivan	380	Gammell William	286
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Dorrance James R.	395	Gardner John A.	424
Dorrance William T.	92	Garvin L. F. C.	651
Dow George S.	634	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dow Joseph	425	Gladding Henry G.	280
Downes Lewis T.	448	Glauner Matilda K.	467
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Glezen Edward K.	407
Drown William H.	338	Goddard, Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Duncan Alexander	12	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Duncan David.*	261	Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234,406
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Goodwin Daniel	315
Dunnell Mary	235	Goodwin William P.	582
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Gorham John	427
Dunwell James P.	412	Gorman Charles E.	464
Durfee Thomas	628	Gorton Charles	355
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Grant Henry T.	641
Dyer Elisha	159	Green Arnold	649
Dyer John	21	Green Cornelia E.	429
Dyer John F.	259	Greene Albert C., Cashier	492
		Greene Edward A.	213
Eames Benjamin T.	107	Greene Edward P.	25
Earle George B.	573	Greene Ella A.	372
Earle William	474	Greene Isaac C.	444
Eastman Samuel C.	332	Greene Richard W.	73
Eaton Amasa M.	470	Greene Sarah A.	290
Eddy James	475	Greene Welcome A.*	358
Eddy John H.	311	Greene William Albert*	187
Ely James W. C.	545	Greene William Albert*	164
Ely William	325	Greene William H.	617
Ernst Carl W.	590	Greene William Henry	608
		Greene William R.	167
Fairbrother Henry L.	643	Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Grinnell Mrs. Richard	302

Grosvenor William	108	Hoppin George H.	430
Grout Abby R.	29	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Hoppin William W.	283
		Hoskins Charles C.	294
Haines William S.	102	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Hale Isaac	382	Howard Ezra W.*	47
Hall George W.	496	Howard William A.	75
Hall J. Clifton	559	Howland John A.	192
Hallett George W.	37	Hoyt David W.	581
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Ham James S.*	341	Humphreys James	636
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hamlin William E.	178	Hunt George	364
Harkness Albert	357	Huston William R.	618
Harkness Thomas	33	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Harris Amanda G.	281	Hutchins Sterns	175
Harris Avis L.	457		
Harris C. Fiske	204	Ives Robert H.	4
Harris Cyrus	221	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris David S.	112	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris George J.*	151	Jackson Richard	578
Harris Henry P.	24	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris Stephen	391	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris Thomas	353	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harrison Joseph	626	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Hart Charles	553	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jenkins William*	5
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jewett Mary L.	610
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hartshorn Joseph C.	644	Johnson William S.	329
Hawes Amos B.	207	Jollie Edward	86
Hayes Wingate	93	Jones Albert J.	82
Hayward Lyman	600	Jones Edward S.	512
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Jones John D.*	472
Hazard Edward H.	583		
Hazard George P.	529	Keach Mary T.	200
Hazard Rowland	615	Keith Christopher T.	507
Heap James	439	Kelley Ebenezer*	109
Hedge Frederic H., Jr.	238	Kelly Abby E.	125
Hedge J. D.	136	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hemperly Francis H.	383	Kendall Oliver	505
Hidden Herry A.	137	Kilton John B.	148
Hill Hiram	163	King William J.	571
Hill Paris	134	Kingsbury John	214
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hinckley Herbert F.	511	Knight Henry P.	233
Hoard John W.	598	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Holbrook A.	451	Knight Robert	616
Holbrook Uriah H.	577	Knowles Edward P.	488
Hope Street Meth. Epis. Church	361	Knowles John P.	71
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knowles Joseph	268

Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Mowry Martha H.	104
Larchar John*	39	Mowry Scott W.	300
Larned Samuel*	306	Mowry William G. R.	10
Leach Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515	Mumford George A.	476
Lester J. Erastus	572		
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Nichols Charles A.	613
Lincoln Clarissa E.	284	Nickerson S. H.	196
Lincoln John L.	119	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lippitt Christopher	150	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lippitt, Henry	68	Nightingale George C.	113
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lockwood Alice	351	Nisbit William	31
Lonsdale John H.	602	Noyes George C.	295
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lyman Henry B.*	67		
Lyman John W.	126	Okie Caroline	638
Lyon Emory	662	Okie A. Howard	586
Lyon Mary W.	549	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
		Olney Stephen T.	186
McCausland John	231	Ordway A. L.	334
McFarlane Thomas	468	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Manchester Emma L.	478	Ormsbee John S.	317
Manton Louisa	551	Osborn William	340
Martin Anne F.	323	Owen Ezekiel	54
Martin Annie B.	106	Owen George	401
Martin Joseph	456	Owen Mary C.	645
Mason Charles F.	266	Owen Smith	389
Mason Earl P.	258		
Mason George E.	81	Pabodie B. Frank	57
Mason Henry W.	285	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mason John N.	222	Pabodie Charles A*	96
Mason Owen*	216	Padelford Seth, 2 shares	111, 487
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Paige Henry	632
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Paine Amasa*	115
Mauran Mary W. D.	416	Paine Daniel*	328
Mauran Suchet, 2d*	330	Palmer Amelia F.	131
Mead Marshall B.	508	Palmer Fannie	609
Merrill William S.	314	Palmer John B.*	500
Merriman Charles H.	537	Parish J. S.	312
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Parkhurst Clara E.	653
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31. TRISTRAM, H. B. *The land of Moab.* With a chapter on the Persian palace, by J. Ferguson. N. Y., 1873. 8°.
32. TROLLOPE, A. *Harry Heathcote of Gangoil, a tale of Australian bush life.* N. Y., 1874. 8°.
33. ——— *Lady Anna.* A novel. N. Y., 1874. 8°.
34. ——— *Phineas redux.* A. novel. 1874. 8°.

1. TROLLOPE, T. A. Diamond cut diamond. A story of Tuscan life. N. Y., 1874. 12°.
2. TROWBRIDGE, J. T. Doing his best. Bost., 1873. 16°.
3. TUCKERMAN, J. On the elevation of the poor. A selection from his Reports as minister of the poor in Boston. Introduction by E. E. Hale. Bost., 1874. 16°.
4. TURGENIEFF, I. Spring floods. From the Russian by S. M. Butts. A Lear on the steppe. From the French by W. H. Browne. N. Y., 1874. 16°.
5. TYNG, S. H. The office and duty of a christian pastor. N. Y., 1874. 12°.
6. TYRWHITT, R. St. John. The art teaching of the primitive church Lond., s. a., 12°.
7. TYTLER, S. Lady Bell. A story of the last century. Phila., 1874. 12°.
8. ——— Modern painters and their paintings. Bost., 1874. 16°.
9. ——— The old masters and their pictures. Bost., 1874. 16°.
10. UNDERWOOD, F. H. Lord of himself. A novel, Bost., 1874. 8°.
11. UNITED STATES. Congressional documents. *Miscellaneous*. United States commission of fish and fisheries. Part I. Report on the condition of the sea fisheries of the south coast of New England in 1871 and 1872. By S. F. Baird. Washington, 1873. 8°.
12. ——— *Department of the interior. Bureau of education*. Report of the commissioner for the year 1872. Washington, 1873. 8°.
13. ——— *Department of the treasury*. Report of the superintendent of the United States coast survey for the year 1870. Washington, 1873. 4°.
14. ——— *Department of war. Engineer corps*. Tables and formulæ useful in surveying, geodesy, and practical astronomy. 3d. ed. [By T. J. Lee.] Washington, 1873. 8°.
15. UNITED STATES sanitary commission. The army chaplain, his office, duties, [etc.] By W. Y. Brown. Phila., 1863. 24°.
16. ——— Contributions to practical surgery. By W. H. Van Buren. Phila. 1865. 8°.
17. ——— Diagram illustrating the working organization of the United States sanitary commission. Lithograph. 33x22 inch. N. Y.
18. ——— History of the Brooklyn and Long Island fair. Feb. 22, 1864. Brooklyn, 1864. 8°.
19. ——— The hospital steward's manual. By J. J. Woodward. Phila., 1862. 12°.
20. ——— Investigations in the military and anthropological statistics of American soldiers. By B. A. Gould. N. Y., 1869. 8°.
21. ——— Map of Virginia showing the distribution of its slave population from the census of 1860. Washington, 1861. 27x19 inch.
22. ——— Memorial of the great central fair for the Commission held at Philadelphia, June, 1864. C. J. Stillé. Phila., 1864. 4°.
23. ——— Military hospital map. Battle of Gettysburg, Pa. 14x11 inch.
24. ——— Military, medical, and surgical essays prepared for the Commission 1862-1864. Washington. 1865. 8°.
25. ——— Minutes of the U. S. sanitary commission [1st to 24th sessions, inc. June 12th, 1861 to June 11th, 1867.] s. l., 8°.
26. ——— The sanitary commission of the United States army, a succinct narrative of its works and purposes. N. Y., 1864. 8°.
27. ——— Sanitary memoirs of the war of the rebellion. Ed. by Austin Flint. N. Y., 1867. 8°.

1. ——— The sanitary reporter, published at Louisville, Ky. V. 1, 2. May 1863 to August 15, 1865. N. Y., 1865. 4°.
2. ——— Surgical memoirs of the war of the rebellion. Ed. by F. H. Hamilton. N. Y., 1870-71. 2 v. 8°.
3. ——— A treatise on military surgery and hygiene. By F. H. Hamilton. N. Y., 1865. 8°.
4. ——— The U. S. sanitary commission, a sketch of its purposes and its work. Bost., 1863. 8°.
5. ——— The U. S. sanitary commission in the valley of the Mississippi. Final report of J. S. Newbery. Cleveland, 1871. 8°.
6. UPHAM, C. W. Life of Timothy Pickering. Bost., 1873. V. 2, 3, 4. 8°.
7. VERGANI, A. A new and complete Italian grammar. Lond., 1818. 12°.
8. VERNE, J. Doctor Ox and other stories. From the French by G. M. Towle. Bost., 1874. 32°.
9. ——— The fur country. From the French by N. D'Anvers. Bost., 1874. 8°.
10. ——— A journey to the centre of the earth. From the French. N. Y., 1874. 16°.
11. ——— Meridiana; the adventures of three Englishmen and three Russians in South Africa. Tr. from the French. N. Y., 1874. 16°.
12. VERRI, A. Le notti romane al sepolcro de' Scipioni. Lucca, 1814. 16°.
13. VIGNY, C^{te} A. de. Poésies complètes. Paris, 1870. 12°.
14. ——— Servitude et grandeur militaires. Lanrette. La veillée de Vincennes. La canne de jonc. 12^e ed. Paris, 1872. 12°.
15. ——— Stello. De Mlle. Sedaine et de la propriété littéraire. Discours de réception à L'Académie française 29 Janvier, 1846. 11^e ed. Paris 1873. 12°.
16. ——— Théâtre complet. 10^e ed. Paris 1873. 12°.
17. VILLEMAIN, A. F. Life of Gregory the seventh. Tr. by J. B. Brockley, Lond., 1874. 2 v. 8°.
18. VINCENT, F. J^r. The land of the white elephant, sights and scenes in Southeastern Asia. N. Y., 1874. 8°.
19. VINET, E. Bibliographie méthodique et raisonnée des beaux arts. Première livraison. Paris, 1874. 8°.
20. WALKER, T. A. The Indian question. Bost., 1874. 12°.
21. WALLACE, L. The fair god. A tale of the conquest of Mexico. Bost., 1873. 12°.
22. WALLER, S. E. Six weeks in the saddle; a painter's journal in Iceland. Lond., 1874. 16°.
23. WARNER, C. D. Baddeck and that sort of thing. Bost., 1874. 32°.
24. WARREN, I. P. The three judges; story of the men who beheaded their king. With introduction. By L. Bacon. N. Y., [1873.] 16°.
25. WELLES, G. Lincoln and Seward. Remarks upon the "Memorial address" of C. F. Adams on the late William H. Seward. N. Y., 1874. 12°.
26. WERNER, E. "Good luck." From the German by F. A. Shaw. Bost., 1874. 8°.
27. WHIPPLE, H. E. A brief genealogy of the Whipple families who settled in Rhode Island. Providence, 1873. 8°.
28. WILBERFORCE, S. D. D. Little wanderers and other Sunday stories. N. Y., 1874. 16°.
29. WILCOCKS, A. An essay on the tides. Phila., 1855. 16°.

1. WILLARD, E. History of the United States. N. Y., 1828. 8°.
2. WILMOT, Sir. J. E. E., *bart.* Reminiscences of the late Thomas Assheton Smith, Esq. Lond., s. a. Sm. 8°.
3. WISE, J. Through the air; a narrative of forty years' experience as an aéronaut. Phila., 1873. 8°.
4. WORDSWORTH, D. Recollections of a tour made in Scotland, A. D. 1803. Ed. by J. C. Shairp. N. Y., [Edinburgh], 1874. 16°.
5. YATES, E. A dangerous game. Bost., 1874. 8°.
6. YONGE, C. D. History of the British navy to the present time. 2d ed. Lond., 1866. 3 v. 8°.
7. YONGE, C. M. Lady Hester. Lond., 1874. Sm. 8°.
8. ——— Life of John Coleridge Patterson. Lond., 1874. 2 v. 8°.
9. ——— The pillars of the house. 2d ed. Lond., 1874. 2 v. Sm. 8°.

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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 27, 1875.

FORTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT.
OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

SEPTEMBER 27, 1875.



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REPORT.

IN compliance with the constitution of the Athenæum, the Directors herewith present to the shareholders “a detailed report of the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the institution.”

The Board of Directors elected at the last annual meeting was promptly organized by the re-election of William Gammell, Esq., as President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., as Vice-President. Mr. J. D. Hedge and Miss Mary M. Angell were continued in their respective positions of Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

The system of closing the Library in the months of July and August, between the hours of one and three P. M., has been repeated this year without apparent injury to the shareholders, and certainly to the benefit of the officers in charge during the severe summer just gone.

The long since authorized introduction of Pawtuxet water into the building is now an accomplished fact. The delay of this much needed work, as you are aware, was caused by the want of a sewer upon Benefit street into which the waste water could, without too great expense, be conducted. That new sewer was completed in July last, and the Board immediately caused the water

to be introduced, conveniences to be made in the building, and drainage to the new sewer completed. Last winter, during two of the many severe rain-falls, the water invaded the furnace-pit and put out the fires, thus rendering the performance of Librarians' duties painful, and occupation of the building for reading purposes almost impossible. With our new drain-pipe it is hoped that difficulty will not again occur. This improvement has been completed at a cost of over 800 dollars. Its necessity is patent, and the Board as your steward only regret it in this view, that so much money has been diverted from the purchase of books.

John Banks, the faithful and trustworthy Janitor of the building, died during the winter. He had spent in your service twenty-five years. His son, Edward L. Banks, succeeds his father in the performance of the same trust.

During the summer the removal of the ward-room building opposite was the cause of the sad mutilation of the fine trees in front of the Athenæum grounds. This estate suffered in common with those of many proprietors along Benefit street. Your Board caused an energetic remonstrance against the practice of moving buildings of little or no value through streets, whereby beautiful trees are wholly or in part destroyed, to be conveyed to the Mayor of the city. The subject was by him presented to the City Council. It is to be hoped the effort of the Board may in some measure assist in checking the practice of saving almost worthless buildings in our city at the expense of long and grateful lines of shade trees.

The Treasurer's Report for the past year exhibits the following financial condition of the Corporation :

RECEIPTS.

From eleven new shares sold,	.	.	.	\$165 00
From taxes and fines,	.	.	.	3,538 27
From dividends and interest,	.	.	.	1,912 91
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Total	.	.	.	\$5,616 18

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries,	\$2,750 00
For books and periodicals,	1,238 73
For other purposes,	1,349 43
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Total,	\$5,338 16

Upon the main matters of the Library, the purchase, use and condition of the books, the Librarian reports as follows:

The additions to the Library fall below the average of former years in number, though not greatly in value. This fact is accounted for by the diversion of our funds for water improvements, as well as by the increased cost of books and from depreciation in the currency. It should be stated, also, that no opportunities have offered to purchase books at the cheaper rates of auction sales.

There have been, however, added to the Library in the past year, 612 volumes, 170 pamphlets, 1 atlas, and 6 maps and charts. Of these volumes there were added

By purchase,	401
By gift,	75
By binding periodicals and pamphlets,	136
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Total,	612

According to size the additions consist of

Folios,	15
Quartos,	35
Octavos,	345
Duodecimos and under,	217
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Total,	612

Of the pamphlets, 36 were added by purchase, and 134 by gift.

The average cost of the volumes bought is \$2.19; that of the volumes added by the binding of periodicals much greater. The average cost of the pamphlets purchased is about 41 cents. The whole number of volumes at present on our shelves is 35,104. A list of donors to the Athenæum is appended to this report.

There have been eighteen transfers of shares during the year. Eleven new shares have been sold, which is a greater number than has been disposed of during any year since the present Librarian's connection with the institution. There has also been a material increase in the circulation of books; the whole number of volumes issued being 24,911—being 1,144 more than ever previously given out in any year since the number of issues was recorded. It will be seen by the subjoined table that the literary taste of the reading public is very constant. There were issued

Of prose, fiction and juvenile books,	.	.	13,502 vols.
“ history and biography,	.	.	3,773 “
“ poetry and belles lettres,	.	.	1,864 “
“ art, science, law and medicine,	.	.	1,714 “
“ periodicals,	.	.	1,217 “

Of voyages and travels,	1,164 vols.
“ religion, philosophy, social science and education,	1,014 “
“ miscellaneous literature,	663 “
Total,	<hr/> 24,911 “

The greatest number given out in any month was in March, 2,516 ; the largest delivery on any day, 240, on February 12th.

The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his Assistant and fifteen books found missing from the shelves, and not accounted for. Three of those missing last year have again been found on the shelves. There are a considerable number of books in the department of prose fiction which are worn out or nearly so, and should be condemned. The wear and tear of books of this class is very great, much greater in the opinion of the Librarian than is needful. They are abused by being scribbled over, by having the fly-leaves torn out, or they are allowed to be played with by children and returned with a leaf or two of the text missing, and most unfortunately when the damage is pointed out to the persons returning them, it generally happens that such was the condition of the volumes when they received them !

Several changes having taken place in our list of periodicals received, some having died a natural death and been replaced by others, a new list of those regularly received is here given :

Academy, The. London. Weekly. 4°.
 Advocate of peace. Boston. Monthly. 4°.
 Aldine, The. New York. Monthly. Folio.
 All the year round. London. Monthly. 8°.

- American annual cyclopædia. New York. Yearly. 8°.
- American association for the advancement of science, Proceedings of the. Yearly. 8°.
- American church review. New York. Quarterly. 8°.
- American journal of science and arts. New Haven. Monthly. 8°.
- American missionary. New York. Monthly. 8°.
- American naturalist. Salem, Mass. Monthly. 8°.
- Annual register. London. Yearly. 8°.
- Appleton's journal. New York. Monthly. 4°.
- Argosy, The. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Art journal, The. London. Monthly. 4°.
- Athenæum, The. London. Monthly. 4°.
- Atlantic monthly. Boston. Monthly. 8°.
- Baptist quarterly. Philadelphia. Quarterly. 8°.
- Bibliotheca sacra. Andover. Quarterly. 8°.
- Blackwood's magazine. Edinburgh. American reprint. Monthly. 8°.
- Book-Buyer, The. New York. Monthly. 8°.
- British almanac and companion. London. Yearly. 12°.
- British quarterly review. London. American reprint. Quarterly. 8°.
- Builder, The. London. Monthly. Folio.
- Catholic world. New York. Monthly. 8°.
- Chambers's journal. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Contemporary review. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Cornhill magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Country gentleman. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Deutsche Rundschau. Berlin. Monthly. 8°.
- Dublin university magazine. Dublin. Monthly. 8°.
- Dwight's journal of music. Boston. Bi-weekly. 4°.
- Edinburgh review. Edinburgh. American reprint. Quarterly. 8°.
- Examiner, The. London. Weekly. Folio.
- Farmer's magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Fraser's magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Galaxy, The. New York. Monthly. 8°.
- Gentleman's magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Harper's new monthly magazine. New York. Monthly. 8°.
- Harper's weekly. Weekly. Folio.
- Historical and genealogical register. Boston. Monthly. 8°.
- Horticulturist, The. New York. Monthly. -8°.
- Illustrated London news. London. Weekly. Folio.
- Illustrirte Zeitung. Leipzig. Weekly. Folio.
- International review. New York. Bi-monthly. 8°.
- Journal of the Franklin institute. Philadelphia. Monthly. 8°.
- Journal of speculative philosophy. St. Louis. Quarterly. 8°.
- Kladderadatsch. Berlin. Weekly. Sm. 4°.
- Lancet, The. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Law magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
- Lippincott's magazine. Philadelphia. Monthly. 8°.

London quarterly review. London. American reprint. Quarterly. 8°.
 London society. London. Monthly. 8°.
 Macmillan's magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
 Mail, The. London. One-third weekly. Folio.
 Nation, The. New York. Weekly. 4°.
 Nature. London. Weekly. L. 8°. .
 New Englander, The. New Haven. Quarterly. 8°.
 North American review. Boston. Quarterly. 8°.
 Notes and queries. London. Monthly. 4°.
 Official gazette of the U. S. Patent office. Washington. Weekly. L. 8°.
 Our dumb animals. Boston. Monthly. 4°.
 Overland monthly. San Francisco. Monthly. 8°.
 Pall Mall budget. London. Weekly. Folio.
 Patent right gazette. New York. Monthly. 4°.
 Photographer, The. Philadelphia. Monthly. 8°.
 Popular science monthly. New York. Monthly. 8°.
 Practical magazine. London. Monthly. 4°.
 Presbyterian quarterly and Princeton review. New York. Quarterly. 8°.
 Providence directory. Providence. Yearly. 8°.
 Providence tax book. Providence. Yearly. 12°.
 Publisher's circular. London. Semi-monthly. 8°.
 Punch. London. Weekly. 4°.
 Revue des deux mondes. Paris. Semi-monthly. 8°.
 Saturday review. London. Weekly. Folio.
 Scientific American. New York. Weekly. Folio.
 Scribner's monthly. New York. Monthly. 8°.
 Temple Bar. London. Monthly. 8°.
 Unitarian review and religious magazine. Boston. Monthly. 8°.
 Van Nostrand's eclectic engineering magazine. N. York. Monthly. 8°.
 Vassar miscellany. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Quarterly. 8°.
 Westminster review. London. American reprint. Quarterly. 8°.
 World of fashion. London. Monthly. Sm. 4°.
 Year book of facts in science and the arts. London. Yearly. 12°.

The above list exhibits a selection of revised magazine and newspaper literature carefully made, which is invaluable to the thoughtful student. It may safely be said that the privilege of consulting these "chronicles of the time" is one of the highest privileges of the Athenæum. Granted that as business men some of the shareholders have too little time to consult the other stores of the Library, the reading room furnishes the opportunity of keeping up with the current of literature, science and

art. We claim no more for this department than is stated by wise judges of the value of our periodicals and magazines, when we say that the list is as good as can be found in any library. The opportunity to use this department of the Athenæum should induce large numbers of our citizens to become shareholders of the institution, and undoubtedly if the facts regarding the reading room were more generally known would produce such a desirable result.

We regret to call attention to the matter of delinquent taxes. Misfortunes in business have compelled some shareholders to omit the payment of the annual assessment upon their shares. Carelessness, we fear, has also caused a large number of others to neglect such payment. The number of taxes now due and unpaid is 34—an important sum to the Athenæum, with the constant calls upon its funds for necessary expenditures, to say nothing of the books which could be therewith purchased.

This report would be incomplete did it not refer to the recent decease of one of the principal benefactors of the Corporation, Robert H. Ives, Esq. He was one of the contributors of the land upon which the Library building stands; took a lively interest in the foundation of the then infant Library, and has from time to time contributed to its progress by his means and his advice. At various times during a long period, from 1846 to 1863, he was a Director of its affairs. Though not concerned in its active management for many years, it is fitting that the Board should express, in common with all the benevolent and charitable institutions of our city, their appreciation of the loss the whole community sustains in the

death of one who has taken during a long and eventful life such an interest in all enterprises looking to the moral as well as material advancement of our city.

The Board would again call the attention of the shareholders to the matter of keeping the reading room open from October to April during the evening. Such opening entails upon the treasury a considerable expense for lighting the room. This would be of trifling import if shareholders in any number visited the room between the hours of seven and nine P. M. ; but the facts are that but two or three attend upon any evening to use the reading room, and perhaps as many more to return or take out a book from the Library.

The Board refer the whole matter to the shareholders, asking them to express their opinion whether it is advisable to continue open during the evening for the future as formerly. If any change is deemed desirable by the shareholders, the Board would like to be instructed whether it is your pleasure to close at the hour of seven P. M., as is done during the summer, or to continue open for a portion of the evening to accommodate those of you, who, detained by business during the day, have no opportunity of coming to the Library until evening.

A suggestion has also been made in the Board that the hour of opening from October to April may well be changed to nine A. M., to accommodate those who wish to visit the Athenæum for any purpose as they go to business in the morning, and to close the building at seven P. M., thus making the hours of opening and closing during the year uniform.

In conclusion, the Board call upon the shareholders individually to endeavor to strengthen the Corporation

by personal explanation of its advantages to friends and companions, that the number of shareholders be increased and the treasury benefited, whereby more good books may be procured to help on the higher intellectual development of this already great and still growing city.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, September 27, 1875.

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American Association for the Advancement of Science....	2
American Peace Society, The Advocate of Peace.....
American Unitarian Association, The Unitarian Review
and Religions Magazine.....
Editors of the "American Missionary," The American Mis-
sionary.....
Chicago Public Library.....	1
Editors of "Our Dumb Animals," Our Dumb Animals...
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Gazette.....
Free Public Library of Lawrence, Mass.....	6
Free Public Library of Worcester, Mass.....	1
Hartford Young Men's Institute.....	1
Library Company of Philadelphia.....	1
Manchester Free Public Library.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of Brooklyn.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of New York.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of Philadelphia.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco.....	1
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 28, 1874.....\$1,450 92

RECEIPTS.

For eleven new shares sold at \$15.....	\$165 00	
For tax assessed September 28, 1874, collected on 632 shares.....	3,160 00	
For tax assessed September 23, 1873, collected on 36 shares.....	180 00	
For shares rented.....	22 50	
For fines collected.....	175 77	
For dividends and interest on invested funds....	1,912 91	
	\$5,616 18	
		\$7,067 10

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$854 27	
For periodicals.....	384 46	
For binding.....	221 62	
For stationery.....	16 21	
For salaries.....	2,750 00	
For fuel.....	219 60	
For gas.....	131 88	
For express and postage.....	23 45	
For advertising and printing report.....	140 01	
For repairs and furniture.....	66 88	
For insurance.....	65 27	
For partial expense of introducing water.....	266 96	
For city assessment for sewer on Benefit street.....	182 25	
For sundries.....	15 30	
	\$5,338 16	
Balance this day in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.....	1,728 94	\$7,067 10

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal

National Bank.....	\$1,850 00	
63 shares in American National Bank.....	3,150 00	
10 shares Delaware & Hudson Canal registered bonds.....	10,000 00	
Deposit on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.....	12,000 00	
		\$27,000 00

Tax unpaid on 31 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 27, 1875.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 27, 1875.

	Share, No.		Share. No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Adams George J.	619	Bailey William M.	165
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Adie Alexander F.	517	Baker George	226
Akerman Charles	350	Balch John R.	339
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Balch Joseph*	205
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Balcom E. J.	254
Aldrich Nelson W.	103	Ballou David	48
Allen Charles B.	50	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Allen Philip*	256	Barker Frederick A.	520
Allen Sarah S.	6	Barrett William	635
Allen Zachariah	8	Barstow Amos C.	97
Ames Samuel*	171	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Andem Emma W.	490	Barstow John*	310
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Bartlett John R.	279
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Becker Alexander R.	13
Andrews Theodore	409	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Andrews Walter P.	630	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Angell John W.	287	Beckwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry	44	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Anthony John B.	146	Benefit street Free Chapel	491
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beverly George	342
Aplin Charles	453	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Appleton Henry	402	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Armington Asa W.*	289	Binney William	558
Armington James H.	331	Blackwood James W.	154
Armington Matthew W.	83	Blake Eli W.	647
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Blake Charles	530
Arnold John N.	223	Blanding R. H.	531
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Blanding William B.	40
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Blodget William P.*	387
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Boon Charles E.	267
Arnold Welcome*	142	Bonner Robert	666
Arnold William R., 2d.	217	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Arnold William S.	388	Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Ashley Lucius C.	162	Bourn Robert C.	404
Austin Samuel	2	Bowen Henry	198

* Deceased.

Bowen Holder Borden	640	Channing William F.	105
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Bradford Joseph	250	Chapin George W.	337
Bradford S. Standish*	65	Chapin John F.	596
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church	484	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brown Adeline	245	Claffin George L.	482
Brown Edward W.	532	Clark George H.	428
Brown Henry T.	510	Clark Thomas M.	411
Brown John Carter*	77	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Brown Joseph R.	480	Clarke George L.	612
Brown Moses*	1	Clarke James M.	501
Brown Samuel W.	454	Clarke John H.*	313
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Brown Thomas	212	Coggeshall James H.	450
Brown William*	324	Cole J. C. W.	210
Brown William Waterman	219	Collins George L.	526
Brown William Whipple	466	Congdon George W.	257
Browne George H.	585	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brownell Francis S.	160	Congdon Johns H.	72
Brownell Stephen	410	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Bucklin Katharine A.	601	Congdon Sarah W.	592
Bucklin James C.	373	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Cook Edward	570
Buffum Benjamin	52	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Bullock Julia	502	Corliss George H.	360
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Corliss William	622
Bullock William P.*	144	Cranston Henry C.	548
Burges Walter S.	78	Crins William H.	562
Burgess Frederick	76	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
Burrough Martha H.	367	Crooker Josiah W.	605
Bush Edwin A.	390	Cross James M.	561
Bush Patience M.	306	Cushing Samuel B.*	399
Bush Richard W.	91	Cutler Edward H.	153
Butler Cyrus*	7		
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Daggett John (Attleborough)	455
Butts Frank*	397	Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Butts George W.	597	Dana Newton C.	344
		Danielson George W.	152
Cady Shubael H.	536	Danielson John W.	661
Calder Albert L.	274	Dart William H.*	128
Calder George B.	631	Davis Edmund	620
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Davis George A.	123
Carpenter Earl*	486	Davis Thomas	173
Carpenter George M.	374	Davis William D.	318
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Day Albert Clifford	203
Caswell Alexis	270	Day Daniel	53
Caswell Edward T.	184	Dearth William G.	117
Central Baptist Society	307	DeMunn Sarah	447
Central Congregational Society	49	DeWitt Henry A.	469
Chace George I.	224	DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Chace Henry R.	398	Dexter Christopher	593
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Chace Lillie B.	669	Dexter Samuel*	95
Chace Thomas E.	627	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Chace William M.*	176	Dike Arba B.	483
Chafee Mary E.	555	Diman J. Lewis	194

Dorr Sullivan	380	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dorrance Charles T.	673	Gladding Henry G.	280
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Glauner Matilda K.	467
Dorrance James R.	395	Glezen Edward K.	407
Dorrance Samuel R.	670	Goddard, Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Dorrance William T.	92	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dow George S.	634	Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Dow Joseph	425	Goodwin Daniel	315
Downes Lewis T.	443	Goodwin William P.	582
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Gorham John	427
Drown William H.	338	Gorman Charles E.	464
Duncan Alexander	12	Gorton Charles	355
Duncan David*	261	Grant Henry T.	641
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Green Arnold	649
Dunnell Mary	235	Green Cornelia E.	429
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Albert C., Cashier	492
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Edward A.	213
Durfee Thomas	628	Greene Edward P.	25
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273	Greene Ella A.	372
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Isaac C.	444
Dyer John	21	Greene Richard W.	73
Dyer John F.	259	Greene Sarah A.	290
		Greene Welcome A.*	358
Eames Benjamin T.	107	Greene William Albert*	187
Earle George B.	573	Greene William Albert*	164
Earle William	474	Greene William H.	617
Eastman Samuel C.	332	Greene William Henry	608
Eaton Amasa M.	470	Greene William R.	167
Eddy James	475	Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Eddy John H.	311	Gregory Harry	646
Ely James W. C.	545	Grinnell Mrs. Richard W.	302
Ely William	325	Grosvenor William	108
Ernst Carl W.	590	Grout Abby R.	29
		Gurney P. Eugene	623
Fairbrother Henry L.	643		
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Haines William S.	102
Farnum Alexander	228	Hale Isaac	382
Farnum Susan	45	Hall George W.	496
Field Daniel W.	26	Hall J. Clifton	559
First Baptist Church	405	Hallett George W.	37
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Ham Benjamin W.	437
First Presbyterian Church	419	Ham James S.*	341
First Universalist Society of Providence	556	Hamlin Richard E.	477
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Hamlin William E.*	178
Fisher Virgil	528	Harkness Albert	357
Fletcher Joseph	368	Harkness Thomas	33
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Harris Amanda G.	281
Foster Ira A.	322	Harris Avis L.	457
Foster Samuel	576	Harris C. Fiske	204
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Harris Cyrus	221
Friendship Street Baptist Church	539	Harris David S.	112
Fuller William O.	560	Harris George J.*	151
		Harris Henry P.*	24
Gammell Asa Messer	564	Harris Stephen	391
Gammell William	286	Harris Thomas	353
Gardiner Edwin R.	193	Harrison Joseph	626
Gardner John A.	424	Hart Charles	553
Garvin L. F. C.	651	Hartshorn Charles P.	38

Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Joseph C.	644	Jones Edward S.	512
Hawes Amos B.	207	Jones John D.*	472
Hayes Wingate	93		
Hayward Lyman	600	Keach Mary T.	200
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kelley Ebenezer*	109
Hazard George P.	529	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hazard Rowland	615	Kendall Oliver	505
Heap James	439	Kilton John B.	148
Hedge Frederic H., jr.	238	King William J.	571
Hedge J. D.	136	Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Hemperly, Francis H.	383	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hidden Henry A.	137	Knight Henry P.	233
Hill Hiram	163	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hill Paris	134	Knight Robert	616
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knowles Edward P.	488
Hilton William D.	114	Knowles John P.	71
Hinckley Herbert F.	511	Knowles Joseph*	268
Hoard John W.	598		
Holbrook A.	451	Lamb Augustus F.	667
Holbrook Uriah H.	577	Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Hope Street Methodist Episcopal Church	361	Larchar John*	39
Hoppin Carrington	539	Larned Samuel*	306
Hoppin George H.	430	Leach Daniel, 2 shares	252, 515
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51	Lester J. Erastus	572
Hoppin William W.	283	Lewis Dexter B.	195
Hoskins Charles C.	294	Lincoln Clarissa E.	284
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230	Lincoln John L.	119
Howard Ezra W.*	47	Lippitt Christopher	150
Howard William A.	75	Lippitt Henry	68
Howland John A.	192	Lippitt Peleg W.	567
Hoyt David W.	581	Lockwood Alice	351
Hubbard Hattie J.	595	Lonsdale John H.	602
Humphreys James	636	Lothrop Henry W.	140
Hunt Daniel A.	189	Lyman Henry B.*	67
Hunt George	364	Lyman John W.	126
Huston William R.	618	Lyon Emory	662
Hutchins Sterns	175	Lyon Mary W.	549
Ives Robert H.*	4	McFarlane Thomas	468
		Manchester Emma L.	478
Jackson Charles E.	541	Manton Louisa	551
Jackson Ephraim S.	346	Martin Anne F.	323
Jackson John T.	120	Martin Joseph	456
Jackson Richard	578	Mason Charles F.	266
Jastram Henry M.	141	Mason Earl P.	288
Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540	Mason George E.	81
Jenckes Annie B. M.	106	Mason Henry W.	285
Jenckes John	345	Mason John N.	222
Jenckes Marcia M.	127	Mason Owen*	216
Jenckes Thomas A.	485	Mathewson Parley M.	116
Jenkins Charles W.*	202	Mathewson St. Methodist Episcopal Church	36
Jenkins William*	5	Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Jewett Mary L.	610	Mauran Suchet, 2d*	330
Jillson Charles D.	461	Mead Marshall B.	508
Johnson William S.	329	Merrill William S.	314
		Merriman Charles H.	537

Metcalf Almira T.	262	Parkhurst John W.	177
Metcalf George, jr.	672	Parsons Charles W., 2 shares	35, 375
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Patten William S.*	237
Metcalf Joel	70	Payne Abraham	497
Metcalf John	642	Payton Eliza J.	264
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Pearce Edward	185
Miles Amanda	118	Pearce Edward, jr.	421
Miller Charles T.	443	Pearce Edward D.	321
Miller Frederick	518	Pearce Thomas*	30
Miller Horace G.	632	Pearson Luther*	23
Mitchell John A.	603	Pease Alvin F.	214
Mitchell Thomas L.	452	Peck Allen O.*	211
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Peck George B.	376
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mowry Martha H.	104	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mowry Scott W.	300	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mowry William G. R.	10	Peckham Joseph C.*	319
Mumford George A.	476	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Murray Robert, jr.	379	Peckham Thomas*	22
		Peirce Edwin J.	471
Nichols Charles A.	613	Peirce Fenelon A.	523
Nickerson S. H.	196	Peirce John	413
Nightingale Cornelia S.	265	Peirce Kate L.	170
Nightingale Edwin J.	299	Perry Amos	458
Nightingale George C.	113	Perry Herbert L.	247
Nightingale Susan E.	493	Phillips George R.	579
Nisbit William	31	Phillips, Thomas*	378
Noyes George C.	295	Pierce George A.	218
Noyes Samuel M.	546	Pierce William G.	422
		Pitman Henry	197
Okie Caroline	638	Pitman John*	63
Okie A. Howard	586	Pond Charles G.	225
Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292	Pope William H.	498
Olney Stephen T	186	Porter Emery M.	80
Ordway A. L.	334	Porter Sidney	671
Ormsbee Henry H.	433	Potter Asa K.	625
Ormsbee John S.	347	Potter Charles*	55
Osborn William	340	Potter William H.	139
Owen Ezekiel	54	Pratt Peter*	17
Owen George	401	Pratt William H.	495
Owen Mary C.	645	Prescott John R.	503
Owen Smith	389	Prouty Charles	231
Pabodie B. Frank	57	Randolph George	606
Pabodie Benjamin G.	85	Randolph John R.	521
Pabodie Charles A.*	96	Rathbone Stephen K.*	20
Padelford Seth, 2 shares	111, 487	Razee S. W.	133
Paige Henry	632	Read Francis	434
Paine Amasa*	115	Read James H., 2 shares	84, 432
Paine Charles E.	147	Reynolds George T.	232
Paine Daniel*	328	Reynolds James	333
Palmer Amelia F.	131	Reynolds John*	320
Palmer Fannie	609	Reynolds William H.	415
Palmer John B.*	500	Rhoades Lawrence	42
Parish J. S.	312	Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Parkhurst C. Frank	155	Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Parkhurst Charles H.	614	Rice Howard M.	479
Parkhurst Clara E.	653	Richards Charles A. L.	604

Richardson James	658	Steere Jonah*	420
Richmond Anna, trustee	46	Steere Thomas	381
Richmond Frank E.	157	Steere Thomas E.*	16
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Stiness Samuel G.	109
Richmond Howard	652	Stockbridge John C.	132
Rickard Roswell R.	43	Stockwell Thomas B.	199
Ripley James M.	28	Stone Alfred	417
Robinson Charles P.	459	Stone Emily C.	172
Robinson E. G.	236	Sutton Edward	335
Robinson William A.*	489	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Rogers Horatio	400	Sweet Joseph	276
Rogers Joseph*	301		
Russell Hope B. Ives	3	Taft Cyrus	161
		Taft James W.	624
Sabin Charles	201	Taft Orray*	59
Sack Albert H.	473	Taft Royal C.	465
Sackett Adnah*	317	Talbot Ella H.	674
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Talbot Theodore B.	535
Salisbury Levi	575	Talbot William R.	56
Sampson Thomas	663	Taylor Daniel A.	534
Sawin Isaac W.	241	Taylor John H.	87
Sawtelle Franklin J.	524	Temple William	436
Sawyer John W.	435	Thomas George B.	591
Seabury Frederick N.	664	Thomas Hiram H.	370
Shattuek E. L.	494	Thompson John C., jr.	365
Shaw Allen	251	Thurber Samuel	509
Shaw Emma Graves	377	Thurston Benjamin F.	356
Shaw James, jr.	665	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Shaw Mary A.*	587	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Shearman Sylvester G.*	308	Tillinghast James	272
Shedd J. Herbert	637	Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Sheldon Nicholas	188	Tingley Henry F.	297
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Tobey John F.	462
Simmons James S.	291	Torrey Moses E.	384
Simmons W. Seabury	607	Townsend William C.	122
Skeele Amos	239	Tripp Benjamin	61
Slade George H.	354	Truman Nathan	248
Slater John 2d.*	11	Turner John	327
Slater William S.	621	Twining Kinsley	668
Slocum Jonathan L.	463	Tyler Solomon	64
Smith Amos D.	101		
Smith Amos D. 3d	648	Urdike Cæsar Augustus	611
Smith Charles Morris	449	Utley Leander*	242
Smith Elma L.	90		
Smith Ferdinand	15	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Smith James Y.	504	Vaughan Mrs. Henry W.	9
Smith John W.	215	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Snow J. Lippitt	275	Vose Seth M.	440
Snow Lucinda M.	66		
Southwick Isaac H.	32	Wall Beriah	660
Spragne Amasa	293	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Stafford Robert R.	100	Warner James M.	138
Stanley J. W.	650	Warner William W.	657
Staples Carlton A.	263	Warren Julia*	659
Staples William R.	181	Waterman Emily	180
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Waterman Henry	278
Stead Thomas J.*	249	Waterman Resolved	41
		Waterman Rufus	277

Waterman William H.	240	Wheeler Bennctt W.*	282
Watson Matthew*	27	Wheeler Charles H.	18
Webster Josiah L.	460	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Weeden Anna H.	125	Whitaker Henry C.	121
Weeden Benjamin D.	99	Whitaker William	60
Weeden Frank E.	656	Whitney Patrick	543
Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394	Wilbour Joshua	542
Weeden William B.	522	Williams N. W.	386
Weeden William G.	246	Williams William G.	298
Wesson Samuel Augustus	442	Woodbury Augustus	557
Westcott Amasa S.	639	Woods Marshall, 5 shares 145, 243, 326, 359, 547	547
Wheaton George, 2d	550	Woodward William	499
657 owners of one share each.....			657
6 owners of two shares each.....			12
1 owner of five shares.....			5
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664			674

LIST OF BOOKS

ADDED TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

DURING THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1874—AUGUST 31, 1875.

1. ABBOTT, E. A paragraph history of the United States. Bost., 1875. 16°.
2. ADAMS, C. K. Democracy and monarchy in France from the inception of the great revolution to the overthrow of the second empire. N. Y., 1874. 8°.
3. ADAMS, W. Davenport. Famous books. Lond., 1875. Sm. 8°.
4. AÏDÉ, H. A nine days wonder. A novelette. Bost., 1875. 8°.
5. AIRD, D. M. The civil laws of France to the present time. [With] notes illustrative of the analogy between the rules of the Code Napoleon and the leading principles of the Roman law. Lond., 1875. Sm. 8°.
6. ALDRICH, T. B. Cloth of gold and other poems. Bost., 1874. 16°.
7. ALEXANDER, Mrs. Leisure hour series. Ralph Wilton's weird, a novel. N. Y., 1875. 16°.
8. ALGER, H., jr. Risen from the ranks. Bost., [1874.] 16°.
9. AMES, M. C. His two wives. N. Y., 1875. 16°.
10. AMOS, S. The science of law. N. Y., 1874. 12°.
11. ANCIENT history from the monuments. 1, Egypt, By S. Birch. 2, Assyria, By George Smith. 3, Persia, By W. S. W. Vaux.
12. ANTHONY, H. B. Memorial addresses on several occasions delivered in the senate of the United States. Providence, 1875. 8°.
13. ASHETON, Francis, *pseud.* See LOCKWOOD, Mrs. F. B.
14. AUSTIN, J. G. Moonfolk; a true account of the home of the fairy tales. N. Y., 1874. 12°.
15. BACON, L. The genesis of the New England churches. With illustrations. N. Y., 1874. Sm. 8°.
16. BAIRD, S. F., *editor.* Annual record of science and industry for 1874. N. Y., 1875. 12°.
17. BAKER, Sir S. W., *pasha.* Ismailia; a narrative of the expedition to Central Africa for the suppression of the slave trade. Organized by Ismail, khedive of Egypt. With maps, portraits, [etc.] N. Y., 1875. 8°.
18. BALLANTINE, J. Life of David Roberts, R. A. With etchings and facsimiles of pen and ink sketches by the artist. Edinburgh, 1866. 4°.
19. BANVARD, J. Pioneers of Maryland and the old French war. Bost., 1875. 12°.

NOTE. Continuations of periodicals and other works whose titles have been entered in former reports are here omitted.

1. BARNARD, C. *Camilla. Being the artist life of Camilla Urso.* Bost., [1874.]. 16°.
2. BARTLETT, J. R. *The soldiers' national cemetery at Gettysburg, with the proceedings at its consecration, at the laying of the corner-stone of the monument, and at its dedication.* Providence, 1874. 4°.
3. BASCOM, J. *Philosophy of English literature. [Lowell lectures.]* N. Y., 1874. 12°.
4. BASTIAN, H. C. *On paralysis from brain disease in its common forms.* N. Y., 1875. 12°.
5. BATES, H. W. *The Naturalist on the river Amazon.* 3d ed. Lond., 1875. Sm. 8°.
6. BEACH, A. E., *editor.* *Science record for 1875.* N. Y., 1875. 12°.
7. BEAL, S. *The romantic legend of Sâkya Buddha; from the Chinese-Sanscrit.* Lond., 1875. Sm. 8°.
8. BEAUFORT, E. A. (Viscountess Strangford.) *Egyptian sepulchres and Syrian shrines, including a visit to Palmyra.* Lond., 1874. Sm. 8°.
9. BECKER, B. H. *Scientific London.* N. Y., 1875. 16°.
10. BENEDICT, F. L. *St. Simon's niece. A novel.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
11. BERNARD, B. *Life of Samuel Lever. With selections from his unpublished papers and correspondence.* N. Y., 1875. 16°.
12. BESANT, W. *The French humorists from the 12th to the 19th century.* Bost., 1874. 8°.
13. BIBLE. *German.* *Die Schriften des alten und neuen Bundes übersetzt und erklärt von C. C. J. Bunsen.* Leipzig, 1858-1869. 9 Bände. 8°.
14. BIRCH, S., *editor.* *Records of the past; being English translations of the Assyrian and Egyptian monuments. Vol. 1, Assyrian texts; V. 2, Egyptian texts; V. 3, Assyrian texts.* Lond., s. a., 3 vols. 16°.
15. BIRCH, S. *Ancient history from the monuments. Egypt from the earliest times to B. C. 300.* N. Y., 1875. 16°.
16. BLACK, W. *Kilmeny.* N. Y., 1870. 8°.
17. ——— *Love or marriage. A novel.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
18. ——— *The maid of Killeena and other stories.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
19. ——— *The monarch of Mincing lane. A novel.* N. Y., 1871. 8°.
20. ——— *Three feathers. A novel.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
21. BLACKBURN, E. *Life of Francis Blackburne, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland. By his son.* Lond., 1874. 8°.
22. BLACKMORE, R. D. *Alice Lorraine, a tale of the South Downs.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
23. ——— *Lorna Doone. A romance of Exmoor.* N. Y., 1874. 8°.
24. BLAKE, W. *The poetical works. Ed. with a prefatory memoir by W. M. Rossetti.* Bost., 1875. 16°.
25. BONNET, V. *The example of France. Two essays on the payment of the indemnity and management of the currency since the German war, 1870-74. Tr. from the Revue des deux mondes by George Walker.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
26. BONNEY, Mrs., C. V. R. *A legacy of historical gleanings. With illustrations and autographs.* Albany, N. Y., 1875. 2 vols. 8°.
27. BOSTON, Mass. *Public library. Catalogue of books belonging to the Lower Hall of the central department in the classes of history, biography and travels. 2d ed.* Bost., 1873. 8°.
28. BOURNE, E. E. *History of Wells and Kennebunk to 1820. With biographical sketches.* Portland, 1875. 8°.
29. BRACKETT, A. C., *editor.* *The education of American girls. Essays [by various hands].* N. Y., 1874. 12°.
30. BRADDON, M. E. *A strange world. A novel.* N. Y., 1875. 8°.
31. BROWNING, R. *Aristophanes' apology, including a transcript from Euripides; being the last adventure of Balaustion.* Bost., 1875. 12°.
32. BUCKLAND, F. *Log-Book of a fisherman and zoölogist.* Lond., 1875. Sm. 8°.
33. BUIST, K. A. *Birds, their cages and their keep.* Lond., 1874. Sm. 8°.
34. BUNSEN, C. C. J. *Bibelwerk für die Gemeinde.* See BIBLE.
35. BURTON, I. *The inner life of Syria, Palestine and the Holy Land. With map, photographs and coloured plates.* Lond., 1875. 2 vols. 8°.
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